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Jordan's King Hussein welcomes Foreign Minister David Levy at the Royal Palace in Amman yesterday.

Levy gets frosty reception in Jordan

DAVID MAKOVSKY
AMMAN

JORDAN'S King Hussein warned visiting Foreign Minister David Levy yesterday that the Netanyahu government should not announce a flurry of settlement expansion once a Hebron deal is done to compensate the right wing of the coalition.

During a visit that was a low-profile affair due to the troubled peace process, bereft of the open warmth that characterized previous visits of top Israeli officials to

the Jordanian capital, Levy held separate meetings with the monarch, Crown Prince Hassan and Prime Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti.

At a press conference alongside Levy at the king's Basman Palace complex in Amman, Jordanian Information Minister Marwan Muasher made clear that Jordan has decided to underscore the settlements issue to illustrate its

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Levine unhurt, Amitai slightly injured in attack on SLA post

DAVID RUDGE

OC Northern Command Maj-Gen. Amiram Levine escaped unhurt from a Hizbullah mortar attack on a South Lebanese Army position he was visiting in the security zone yesterday.

Brig-Gen. Eli Amitai, head of the IDF's Lebanese Liaison Unit, who was accompanying Levine, was very lightly hurt in the attack — the second time he has been wounded in less than a week.

Amitai was lightly injured last Saturday when Hizbullah gunmen ambushed the convoy in which he was traveling on the Ishiyeh-Rehan road. Two of the ambassadors were killed in the ensuing clash.

Military sources said yesterday that the IDF was investigating whether the two incidents involving Amitai were pure coincidence, or whether Hizbullah was receiving

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Bar-Illan: We may be able to accept a limited Palestinian state

DAVID MAKOVSKY

A PALESTINIAN state with strictly defined, limited sovereignty — including demilitarization — is something Israel may be able to accept, especially since partition already exists today and the notion of "Greater Israel" is no longer possible, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's senior policy adviser, David Bar-Illan, says in a wide-ranging interview with *The Jerusalem Post* today. (See Page 7).

Bar-Illan, who is often described as the leading ideological aide to Netanyahu, shows surprising flexibility in dealing with the Palestinians.

"I think partition is a fact. The question now is really what sort of partition," Bar-Illan said.

On the notion of Palestinian statehood, Bar-Illan said, "I think that when the Labor Party talked about the state, they said that they wanted it to be demilitarized; but if it isn't, well there is nothing much we can do about it. While Netanyahu is making it a condition for the existence of an entity — whether you call it a state or not — it is not really the important thing. The condition is that it cannot have unlimited sovereignty."

He said that in some ways, a Palestinian state already exists. "In many ways, it is a state. [Ariel] Sharon keeps saying they really have a state already. In many ways, it is much more of a state than it was envisioned in the Oslo agreement, as you know."

He said if the Palestinians do declare statehood at some point in the future, he is convinced the "whole world will recognize it."

On the issue of Netanyahu's ideology, Bar-Illan said, "I think in general he is no longer [in favor of] a whole-land-of-Israel movement. I don't think he feels that there is any chance of the Land of Israel remaining completely under the exclusive rule of Israel."

Among his points, Bar-Illan:

- agrees with the view that there is no great difference today between the Likud and Labor, due to the Likud's adherence to Oslo. At the same time, he blasts the Labor government for not forcing Arafat to stick to limits which, if unchecked, would lead to a militarized Palestinian state.
- makes clear that if Israel is not

absolutely vigilant about setting limits for Yasser Arafat, he is convinced the Palestinian leader would declare a holy war on Israel. At the same time, he terms Arafat's current regime a "police state" and says Israel cannot keep "lying" about this, but must press the case of Palestinian violations of Oslo — regardless of its impact upon US congressional funding of the Palestinian Authority.

- says the notion of Jewish control over the whole Land of Israel suffered a decisive blow as far back as the 1920s, when socialism prevailed as the dominant ethos in the country, making the country less attractive a place for immigrants.

- believes, despite remarks made a few months ago to the contrary, that Israel cannot take away Palestinian weaponry. However, he maintains hope that the Palestinians themselves will disarm militarily.

- insists settlement expansion can occur without adding "another square inch" to any settlements. This way, the Palestinians do not have to worry that Israel is seeking to preclude the negotiations on the final disposition of the territories.

Barred Bard: Shakespeare misses spot on Euro notes because of antisemitism

TOM GROSS

THE Bard is barred.

William Shakespeare does not appear on new European Union banknotes because of what some call antisemitism in one of his plays, according to Guido Crapanzano, a member of the committee that decided on the design of the notes.

Crapanzano, an Italian banker, told the Italian newspaper *Corriere della Sera* that Shakespeare's portrayal of Shylock in *The Merchant of Venice* was a key reason for the



committee's decision. He also said it had been decided that Mozart would not feature on the notes because of possible "objections to his Masonic music."

Experts leapt to Shakespeare's defense. "This reasoning is totally ridiculous," said Zvi Jagendorf, of the English and Theater departments at Hebrew University. "Unlike, say, Wagner, whose anti-Jewish opinions were an important feature of his philosophy,"

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Sheves denies bribery allegations

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

"I have never been engaged in the energy field, neither in my former position as director-general of the Prime Minister's Office nor at any other time," Shimon Sheves said yesterday.

Sheves was responding to reports that the Securities Authority is probing allegations that starting in 1994, while serving as former head of the Prime Minister's Office for Yitzhak Rabin, he received benefits from publicly traded companies in turn for helping them win concessions in the energy field.

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Dow posts second-biggest gain ever

NEW YORK (Reuters) — Blue-chip stocks soared yesterday on the back of a powerful rally in the bond market, spurring the Dow Jones industrial average to its second-biggest one-day gain ever.

The Dow was up 126.37 points or 2 percent, at 6,473.64, its second-steepest rise since the blue-chip index soared 184.86 on October 21, 1987.

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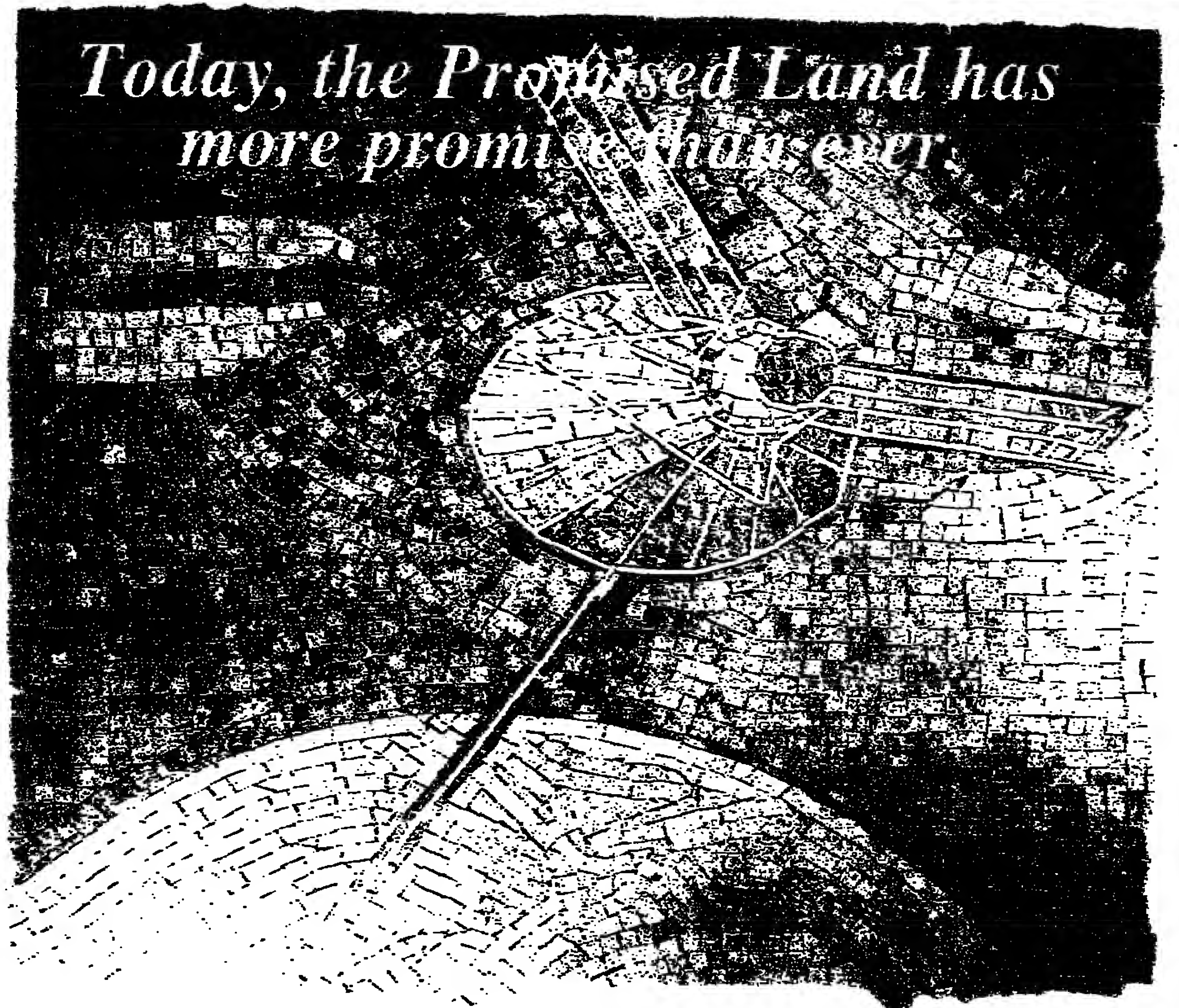
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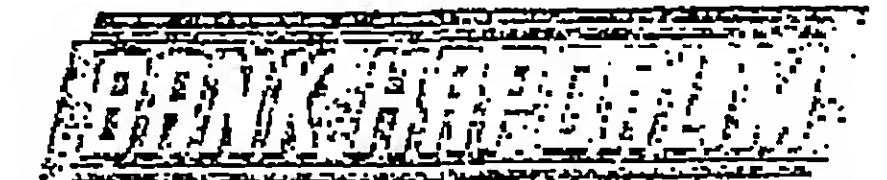
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German members of St. Mary's Convent in Jerusalem prepare to take home a YNF-donated Christmas tree yesterday. Meanwhile, Education Minister Zevulun Haiman yesterday wrote the president of the Hebrew University condemning the placing of a Christmas tree in the lobby of the Law Faculty on Mt. Scopus. (Azriel Jeruzolimski)

Visiting German parliamentarians discuss reparations with survivors

SEVEN visiting members of the Bundestag's Interior Affairs Committee yesterday met with Holocaust survivors in Jerusalem to discuss reparations for tens of thousands of victims.

The Bundestag representatives later said that they would use their influence in the committee - which is the parliamentary body that deals with Holocaust affairs - and with their parties to push for compensation for the numerous survivors from various parts of Europe. The compensation is intended for Nazi victims who received a one-time payment only, or no compensation whatsoever, for their suffering.

BATSHEVA TSUR

Last March, Claims Conference representatives began talks with the German authorities on paying reparations to those tens of thousands of survivors who had fallen between the cracks. But in July, the German government decided to break off the talks, saying they would resume only in 1999.

The claims amount to some DM 300 million per year. The Bonn government said that the budget for this could not be found.

"The claims are for survivors aged 70 and over whose mental and physical health is very poor," Noah Flug, director of the Center of

Holocaust Survivors' Organizations said yesterday. "If the compensation is paid only in 1999, there will not be many survivors to receive it."

Flug said that the budget could come from the original reparations allocations since reparations were currently being paid to 118,000 survivors as compared with 300,000 20 years ago.

The Bundestag delegation said that the encounter with the survivors yesterday in Jerusalem was "extremely moving" and that some of the survivors would be invited to present their claims to the parliamentary committee in Bonn.

Left-wing students protest alleged political repression at Bar-Ilan University

THEIR mouths sealed with Band-Aids, students representing the left-wing parties yesterday demonstrated at Bar-Ilan University to protest what they say is repression of their political views on campus.

The students were protesting against the new university regulations, published yesterday, which allow the dean of students to prevent political activity on campus. The regulations follow recommendations of the Barish Committee which looked into

political activity on the campus following the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin.

According to the demonstrators, the regulations will continue to prevent left-wing views from being aired, while the students on the right are permitted to speak freely. "I suspect that things will continue just as before. The day before elections, a NRP candidate will be allowed to speak on the campus while all the other parties

are muffled," Noam, an activist of the moderate religious movement Meimad, said.

"What kind of pluralism is this, if we are not allowed to air our views?" Oren, a Meretz activist asked. "The way to prevent political violence is to allow people to argue on the campus laws." Bar-Ilan spokesman David Weinberg said in response that no new regulations regarding political activity had been issued, and that, prior to the protest, the students had been

reprimanded by the academic secretary for "polluting" the campus with stickers and brochures. He said they had placed stickers on TV screens and furniture and that sanitation crews and security officers had to clean up the mess.

"There are 15 bulletin boards for notices all over the campus," Weinberg said. "They can be used by political parties, by people looking for matchmaking, selling cars, or by gays." "That is the place for them to put their stickers."

Coalition close to compromise on budget

EVELYN GORDON

THE child allowance cuts in the 1997 budget proposal will be replaced by not updating national insurance allowances or tax credits for inflation in 1997, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Finance Minister Dan Meridor agreed yesterday with coalition members of the Knesset Finance Committee.

The ministers also agreed that payments for doctors' visits and a 25 percent hike in co-payments for medicines will be dropped from the budget proposal, though what will replace these items has not been definitely settled. Both Finance Committee Chairman Abraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism) and head of the coalition in the committee Silvan Shalom (Likud) said one measure which seems likely is an increase in cigarette taxes, while another is increasing the income ceiling on which the national health tax is levied from four to five times the average wage.

Since child allowances and the health payments were the three most problematic items in the budget to coalition MKs, yesterday's agreement makes it very likely that the budget will now pass. The one outstanding problem is Gesher, which has additional demands such as increased housing assistance for young couples. Gesher met with Treasury officials last night, but faction chairman Maxim Levy said

no agreement was reached.

The cuts in child allowances were expected to save NIS 850 million next year. According to Ravitz, the savings from not updating allowances and tax credits will be "more or less the same."

The payments for doctors' visits were expected to raise NIS 270m., while the hike in co-payments for medicines was slated to bring in NIS 150m. Raising the income ceiling for the health tax would bring in NIS 100m., and a half-shekel increase in the cigarette tax would raise some NIS 200m., so NIS 120m. is still outstanding.

The Treasury is to supply a detailed proposal by Sunday, when the committee is slated to vote on the Economic Arrangements Law of which all these measures are part.

One issue which remained unresolved at the end of the almost four-hour meeting was the proposed cut in investment grants under the Capital Investment Encouragement Law.

The Treasury wants to cut the maximum grant size from 30% to 20%. Unlike the child allowances and the health payments, which had met with wall-to-wall opposition in the committee, most coalition MKs in the committee are willing to accept this. However, Ravitz said, Pim Badash (Likud)

and Zvi Hendel (National Religious Party) are still objecting, and the coalition needs at least one of them to pass the proposal.

Ravitz suggested the law be changed to permit exceptions to the 20% limit in special cases approved by the Treasury and the Industry and Trade Ministry. The Treasury is considering the proposal, and will give the committee an answer on Sunday.

The committee is also still awaiting a Treasury proposal to cap school health fees for large families, which was its condition for approving the fees.

Meanwhile, the Treasury also met yesterday with members of the Knesset's religious caucus, to discuss their demands for an increase in the Religious Affairs Ministry budget. The Finance Committee rejected this budget as being inadequate earlier this week.

Yair Wolf, spokesman for Deputy Religious Affairs Minister Yigal Bibi, said nothing was settled, but progress was made - including the establishment of some joint committees to discuss the issues further - and an agreement sometime next week seemed likely. The biggest outstanding problem is the ministry's demand for NIS 100m. to compensate for erosion in the yeshiva budget over the past four years.

David Harris contributed to this report.

Negotiations resume between Haifa Chemicals management, workers

DAVID RUDGE

NEGOTIATIONS resumed between management and workers at the troubled Haifa Chemicals plant yesterday, although the atmosphere remained tense following the riots there earlier this week in which 12 people were hurt, eight of them employees.

The resumption of talks followed the Haifa regional labor court's rejection early yesterday of management's demand to oust strikers who have been staging a sit-in at the plant.

The court, however, ruled that the number of strikers inside should be reduced to 50 and instructed management to limit to 15 the number of security guards at the plant in the Haifa-bayside industrial zone.

This followed the fighting on Monday night between guards hired by management to ensure the transport of ammonia from the factory's wharf to Haifa Chemicals' sister plant near Rotem, south of Beersheba, and

workers on picket line duty at the bayside complex.

The court also instructed management to ensure that the guards would not be armed with any weapons, including batons and brass knuckles, and instructed the two sides to resume talks.

In the meantime, a "siege demonstration" is to be held outside the Haifa Chemicals plant at Rotem on Sunday as part of a Histadrut campaign to paralyze the factory there. More than 300 of the 500 workers from the Haifa factory are to be taken to

the southern plant and will be joined there by scores of representatives from works committees in the southern region.

The workers are pressing for a new collective labor agreement. Management wants to annul the accord to cut costs, including the number of workers, to enable the company to compete profitably on overseas markets.

The Histadrut has presented alternative proposals which it maintains would save the firm around \$8 million a year. The plans have not yet been discussed in full between the two sides.

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A hidden game

YOSEF LAPID

WHEN the British Mandate ended in late 1947, the country was split into two parts. The larger one remained in the hands of the majority, who declared a sovereign state; the Moslem minority fled across the border.

Endless conflicts brought about repeated wars between the Moslems and the new state. Those of the Moslem minority who didn't flee the country created an autonomous district and demanded annexation to the Moslem country across the border, on the grounds of shared religion, common language, and common customs. They have been waging bloody guerrilla warfare aimed at making their autonomous district part of the Moslem state.

The government hasn't managed to keep the peace, the roads aren't safe, government representatives get murdered and tourists kidnapped. Bombs wreak havoc. Army morale is eroding through civil war; the entire region lives in the shadow of armed uprising.

This is the story of India, Pakistan and Kashmir. Tomorrow it could be the story of Israel, Palestine, and the Galilee Arabs.

This is what the prime minister had in mind when he declared his opposition to full sovereignty for the Palestinians; his fear is that the Arabs who live in Galilee will make a similar demand.

It won't happen at the next stage — but it might at the one after that.

It wasn't fair of Netanyahu to accuse Israel's Arabs of being disloyal. In fact it is amazing just how loyal they have remained to Israel, despite the hardships and humiliations, and in spite of the temptation to join the struggle of the PLO.

With a few exceptions, Israel's Arabs haven't surrendered to nationalistic impulses, not even when they have been accused of cowardice and betrayal by nationalist movements in the Arab world and fundamentalist organizations.

The overwhelming majority of the Arab minority — numbering almost a million — aspires to peace, in the framework of an Israeli withdrawal from the territories and the establishment of a Palestinian state.

The loyalty of Israel's Arabs to the State of Israel isn't just a consequence of their essentially law-abiding nature. It also stems from their understanding that despite

The stage after next with the Palestinians is the one to beware

(the hidden and overt) limitations imposed upon them they are freer here, in the democratic State of Israel, than any Arab living in any Arab country.

Furthermore, in spite of the discrepancy between the Arab and Jewish sectors as regards government and municipal services, Israel's Arabs have benefited from the country's economic growth, improving their financial situation immeasurably.

YET THIS does not suffice. The human heart yearns for more. Last week's conference for Israeli Arabs in Nazareth was a deeply-felt expression of the aspiration for a change of status for Israel's Arabs.

When Israeli Arabs voice the supposedly innocent slogan "Israel as a state of all of its citizens," they mean the de-Zionization of Israel. Witness their appeal to abrogate the Law of Return, which gives Jews an advantage over Arabs.

Israeli-Arab leaders have lately been talking about "cultural autonomy." Well, what's so bad about a minority claiming the right to cultivate its heritage?

In a speech delivered recently at a Tel Aviv University symposium, distinguished Arab-Israeli Professor Said Zaidani explained that the Israeli-Arab aspiration is for the kind of autonomy Quebec enjoys within Canada. That's just the point.

French-Catholic Quebec started out as a "cultural autonomy" separate from the English-speaking Protestant majority. It was this "cultural autonomy" that enabled the Quebec isolationists to develop an independent system of government, of education, of nearly everything.

The result is that Quebec is poised on the verge of breaking away from Canada. And this with no other place to annex itself to, France being way across the ocean and not, like the punitive Palestinian state, only 15 minutes away.

When I voiced these sentiments on TV's *Popolitica* program they were vehemently rebutted by Hadash MK Azmi Basha. And oughtn't he to know, being one of the most vocal promoters of Israeli Arab autonomy in "a state of all its citizens"?

The truth is that a hidden game is being played out here, a game of "I know that you know that I know."

And in this game lies the plan of stages, which puts a Palestinian state alongside a "Zionism-free" Israel.

The Arab minority in Galilee will first achieve cultural autonomy, then administrative autonomy, finally it will be annexed to the Palestinian state with which it identifies heart and soul.

Should the prime minister have sounded this fear in public? Maybe not.

But he would have been highly negligent had he not, in his long-term calculations, taken into account the possibility of a Palestinian state inspiring Israeli Arabs with the longing for a homeland where they are the lords and masters.

The author is an editorial writer for Ma'ariv.



Inspiring, but impractical

AMOTZ ASA-EL

AS if intoxicated by the Black Sea's sweet, non-European breeze, Odessa at the turn of the century produced such exceptional figures as Herzl's adversary Abad-Ha'Am, Stalin's nemesis Leon Trotsky and Netanyahu's alter ego, the inspiring but impractical Vladimir Jabotinsky.

Like Netanyahu, Jabotinsky — who eventually led the Revisionist alternative to the moderate Zionism of Chaim Weizmann and David Ben-Gurion — was a well-read cosmopolitan, an unorthodox thinker and a secular nationalist.

Like Netanyahu, Jabotinsky routinely impressed audiences of every kind and persuasion with impassioned, well-crafted orations.

Netanyahu takes pride in his past as a commanding captain; for decades Jabotinsky basked in his experience as a captain with the British army who, during World War I, led a platoon of soldiers across the Jordan into Ottoman Palestine.

Netanyahu has made the war on terror a major theme of his political campaigns; Jabotinsky did the same with his theory of *Eisenwand*, the iron wall of resolutely-held bayonets that would ultimately teach Arab nationalists the futility of violent struggle against Zionism.

Netanyahu is "Bibi," Jabotinsky was "Jabo." Like Jabo's, Bibi's staunchest supporters are abroad rather than here, and his well-tanned, almost virtually assumes it as a given that the Jewish state was destined to be militarily mighty, economically superior and staunchly supported by a liberal, Western superpower.

Even at this early stage of Netanyahu's political career, one major difference already looms large between the two men: Jabotinsky's career was an ongoing but perennially-frustrated attempt to lead his people, while Netanyahu has made it to that promised land.

Yet after just half a year in office Netanyahu's record evokes the kind of criticism often leveled at Jabotinsky — that he is much better at talking than doing.

Scuffing at the piecemeal attitude of Weizmann and Ben-Gurion which, in the face of

had come to lead this country all but devoid of contingency plans.

Practically all his major election promises — to sell "lots" of JNF real estate "quickly," slash taxes "sharply," privatize companies "en masse," build rail-ways, establish a national security council, appoint a supreme economic forum and make ministers abandon their Knesset seats (via the Norwegian law) — have yet to be acted upon. Not to mention his much-heralded intention of making "excellence" the sole criterion for a cabinet seat.

Now, surrounded by "excellent" visionaries like Yehoshua Matza and Tzahi Hanegbi, a perplexed Netanyahu gazes at the ever-complicating realities staring at him from the drawing boards — those drawing boards he conceitedly shunned during four years as an opposition leader who sold his, and this country's, soul to electioneering.

Even those of us who didn't vote for him deserve better than this. But what about his own followers? Isn't it high time they found leaders who will part with the Jabotinsky-Begin-Shamir heritage of maximum talk and minimum action?

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff. The views expressed are not necessarily those of the paper.

Like Jabotinsky, Netanyahu seems far better at talking than doing

organization in 1935 detached him from the day-to-day management of the burgeoning Zionist enterprise.

The jury will therefore always be out on how pragmatic and creative a national leader he would have been.

TWO generations after his death and nearly two decades after his disciples first won a national election here, Israel's secular Right sports a lamentably poor record in governance.

The Camp David accords, that jewel in the Likud's historic record, were engineered for Menachem Begin by Ezer Weizman and Moshe Dayan, neither of whom was an organic party product, both of whom abandoned Begin shortly afterwards.

The settlement drive across the Green Line was mostly conceived, led and executed by Bnei Akiva's religious youth, while the Likud's assorted armchair patriots — from Moshe Arens and Yitzhak Shamir to Binjamin Netanyahu and Tzahi Hanegbi — cheered the settlers on from safe, comfortable homes in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

On the economic front, in 1977 the Likud launched a hastily-prepared currency reform which ultimately generated a disastrous hyperinflation crisis.

Eight years later most Likud

A government of exiles is what it looks like

ALLAN E. SHAPIRO

ISRAEL suffers from a double crisis of leadership.

On the one hand Shimon Peres, leader of the opposition, thinks he is leading a government in exile. On the other hand, Prime Minister Netanyahu is widely perceived to be the head of a government of exiles.

The impression is that the prime minister isn't in charge because, in a manner difficult to define, he somehow doesn't quite belong. The insider-outsider cleavage adds an additional dimension to the intramural altercations that have marked Netanyahu's tenure in office.

Take the current dispute over responsibility for the Western Wall Tunnel fiasco.

On the face of it this appears to be a classic instance of conflict between the professionals and the politicians, part of the unending skirmishes every democratic regime has between the bureaucrats and the political echelon. Under Netanyahu, it becomes a test of legitimacy and credibility.

This is the first time in Israel's history that there seems to be some sort of Green Line between the Prime Minister's Office and the other organs of government. The Knesset is clearly out of bounds. Communications Minister Limor Livnat, a junior minister by any standard, answered the no-confidence motions on settlement policy this week on behalf of the government.

Netanyahu has problems answering not only to the Knesset, but to his own supporters as well. After all, the only concrete action of the government on the settlement issue was the decision not to expand settlements, but rather to expand some (but not all) settlements in the territories Area A development status, with all the fiscal benefits involved.

Under the previous Labor government this was the status granted development towns and agricultural communities near the nation's borders. These are precisely the sectors that during the

last four years registered virtually zero growth.

Netanyahu's problem with the Knesset is not just on no-confidence motions.

A major function of any government is to initiate legislation to carry out its programs. This is a government that may be long on programs, but it is very short on legislative initiatives. There simply aren't any.

The public has been receptive to the notion of Netanyahu's "outsider" status since the crises that accompanied the formation of the new government. The factual basis has not been important.

Thus, a patently incredible story that Netanyahu's US social security file contained damaging evidence, with the hint that he had been an American secret agent, received an amazing degree of public attention.

A kind of Green Line exists between the Prime Minister's Office and the other organs of government

MORE recently the front has shifted to Netanyahu's personal advisers, two of whom, Dore Gold and David Bar-Ilan, hold dual Israeli-American citizenship, as do most American immigrants.

The law requires ministers, members of Knesset and judges to renounce foreign citizenship. There is certainly a case for extending this to close prime ministerial advisers, as well as to others in particularly sensitive posts, in order to provide a visible guarantee of undivided loyalty.

However, the problem is distinctly political, not legal.

In an earlier period, there were cases in which American officials, negotiating with Israeli government agencies, expressed discomfiture at finding American citizens seated across the table from them, representing a foreign government.

It will be recalled that Henry Kissinger, as security adviser to President Nixon, was initially reluctant to deal with Middle East problems. Later, as secretary of state, he had no choice in the matter.

There were no significant problems on the American side because of Kissinger being Jewish. In Israel, however, he was heckled by Gush Emunim demonstrators with the cry of "Jew-boy."

Today Jews staff key positions on the American side in the peace process negotiations, American Jews, including US Ambassador Martin Indyk and special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross, frequently sit on the opposite side of the table from American Israelis.

However, the public perception of a "government of exiles" is not entirely erroneous.

Exiles everywhere develop a distinctive political culture. They are removed from the ground, from the ongoing political reality. They tend to dogmatism and to extremism.

Netanyahu, Dore Gold and David Bar-Ilan, as well as many of Netanyahu's English-speaking supporters, show clear signs of the political culture of exiles. Neither Netanyahu's Reaganite neo-conservatism nor Gold's Kissingerian realpolitik translate readily into Israeli reality.

Bar-Ilan's most publicized venture, the attempt to prevent *New York Times* correspondent Tom Friedman from addressing the Anti-Defamation League, might fit the Bolshevik thought pattern associated with Israel's founding generation, but it was an "Israeli" as it was "American."

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A Red Cross worker carries bottles of water into the besieged Japanese ambassador's residence in Lima yesterday. Terrorists of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement staged a spectacular takeover of the residence Tuesday and are holding hundreds of hostages to negotiate the release of members of the movement jailed by President Fujimori's administration.

Lima hostage standoff continues

LIMA, Peru (AP) - Held in separate rooms by rebels armed with guns and grenades, a dozen ambassadors and hundreds of other dignitaries spent a third day of captivity in the home of Japan's ambassador yesterday.

A doctor who was allowed inside the compound yesterday in an upscale Lima suburb said the hostages appeared calm and healthy, despite the Tupac Amaru rebels' threat Wednesday to begin executing them one by one.

The US Embassy set up a special hostage crisis-center manned by FBI agents, and Washington dispatched security agents to advise the embassy on protecting the estimated 10,000 Americans in Peru against any broader guerrilla offensive.

On Tuesday night, rebels entered the compound posing as waiters carrying champagne and food during a birthday party honoring Japanese Emperor Akihito.

But there was still confusion yesterday on exactly how the rebels seized so many people that quickly and how they entered the compound.

Some Peruvian news media quoted police sources as saying guerrillas got in by blowing a hole in an inside wall of an adjoining house and scaling a different section of wall from a clinic parking lot.

Channel 2 showed a 1.5-meter-wide hole it said was used to enter the compound.

Police were still holding for investigation 14 of the 25 white-jacketed waiters freed by the guerrillas shortly after the takeover.

The rebels are demanding the release of 300 jailed comrades, economic reforms, money and safe passage to the Amazonian jungle in eastern Peru.

The Red Cross has gone in and out of the compound several times. Red Cross doctor Marc Cortal described the situation after a 30-minute visit as "very tranquil."

He helped deliver water, medicine and sandwiches to the block-long compound where the 23 rebels had divided more than 400 hostages into groups and guarded them in separate rooms.

The hostages in turn asked for toothbrushes and fresh clothes and expressed concerns about a lack of bathrooms and beds in the residence, which is pockmarked with bullet holes.

Canadian ambassador Anthony Vincent, who was among five hostages released from captivity Wednesday, also re-entered the residence before dawn yesterday with a Peruvian diplomat.

"We transmitted to the government the message of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement," he said when he emerged. He said he was not a negotiator and was merely passing messages between President Alberto Fujimori's government and the rebels.

The Canadian ambassador said he was inside the embassy residence just after midnight and spoke with "Comandante Huertas." It was dark, the hostages were sleeping and "the only sound I heard was of 400 men snoring."

The rebels said unless the government met their demands, they would begin executing their hostages, starting with Peru's foreign minister, Francisco Tudela.

But the deadline was midday Wednesday, and more than 24 hours later there was no sign anyone had been killed.

FBI counterspy arrested for selling secrets to Moscow

WASHINGTON (AP) - The FBI charged one of its agents with selling secrets to Moscow for more than \$224,000, arresting him after an undercover investigation aided by a former Russian official and inadvertently almost upset by the agent's wife.

With help from the former Russian official at the United Nations, FBI agents posing as Russian spies began a "false flag" operation in August 1995 aimed at incriminating Earl Edwin Pitts and learning the extent of treachery he might have been guilty of before he became "dormant" in 1992.

Days after the phony Russian agents contacted Pitts, his wife, Mary, then an FBI clerk, turned him in to bureau officials because she suspected he might be spying and she didn't know about the undercover effort. The FBI pretended to accept his explanations for his contact with the Russians and continued the secret operation against him.

Pitts, 43, a 13-year bureau veteran, is the second FBI agent ever charged with spying.

This is the third major Russian spy case since 1994, when CIA officer Aldrich Ames pleaded guilty to spying that has been blamed for the deaths of 10 Western agents. Former CIA station chief Harold Nicholson pleaded innocent last month to selling the identities of new CIA agents since 1994 for more than \$180,000.

Pitts was arrested Wednesday at the FBI Academy at Quantico, Virginia, where he worked as a supervisory agent.

But during 1987-89, he was in the FBI New York office assigned to hunt and recruit Soviet KGB officers, and during 1989-1992, he worked on top secret records and personnel security at FBI headquarters in Washington.

Last Friday, the FBI said, he told undercover agents he thought were from the Russian SVRR intelligence service that during 1987-92 "I have provided you with everything that I was aware of."

In the affidavit, FBI Agent David G. Lambert writes that the FBI believes Pitts turned over the "Soviet Administrative List," a secret computerized FBI compilation of all Soviet officials in the United States with their known or suspected posts in Soviet spy agencies.

Pitts also is believed to have told the Soviets about "an FBI asset who reported covertly on Russian intelligence matters," Lambert wrote.

FBI Director Louis J. Freeh told a news conference this man "is still alive." A law enforcement official, requesting anonymity, said the man was a Russian government official serving in the United States.

"Nothing was sacred to Pitts," US attorney Helen Fahey said. "He was willing to betray his country, his agency and his fellow agents."

No deaths resulted from Pitts' activities and no nuclear or satellite information was turned over, so he could face at most a life sentence rather than the death penalty if convicted, Fahey said.

At a court hearing in Alexandria, Virginia, Pitts was charged with attempted espionage and conspiracy to commit espionage. He also was charged with conveying government property, each of which carries a maximum 10-year penalty.

Marcello Mastroianni dies at 72

ROME (Reuters) - Actor Marcello Mastroianni, Italy's quintessential Latin Lover and the symbol of the Dolce Vita, died at his home in Paris yesterday, aged 72.

His Italian agent Giovanna Cas said Mastroianni passed away yesterday morning and gave no cause of death. Italian media said he had been suffering from cancer of the pancreas.

In some 160 films, starring alongside many of cinema's most beautiful women, Mastroianni became an enduring symbol of suave Latin sex appeal.

He had his first international success in 1960 in director Federico Fellini's *La Dolce Vita*, whose scene of a young Mastroianni splashing in the Trevi Fountain in Rome with Swedish blonde Anita Ekberg is one of cinema's indelible images.

The city of Rome said it would turn off the water at the fountain, douse the lights and drape the monument in black cloth at 5 p.m. local time as a mark of respect.

The actor went on to star in many of Fellini's other works, as recently as the late director's 1986 film *Ginger and Fred*, while never losing a reputation for modesty.

An earlier marriage also was present, Cas said.

"Marcello was the sweetest, nicest, most light-hearted actor, a great friend who I will miss a lot," said actress Monica Vitti, who starred with Mastroianni in Michelangelo Antonioni's 1961 film *The Night and the Day*.

Italian director Mario Monicelli, who cast Mastroianni in his renowned film *I Soliti Ignoti* in 1958, described the actor as "devoid of celebrity affections...and graciously ironic."

Italian radio, reporting from Paris, said Mastroianni had died at dawn and that friends, including many from the film world, went to his house in the French capital to pay respects.

The Italian news agency ANSA said his funeral would be held in Rome with a small private ceremony in Paris.

Apart from *La Dolce Vita*, Mastroianni perhaps will be best remembered for films in which he starred with Sophia Loren such as *Marriage Italian Style*, *The Priest's Wife*, *Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*, *Sunflowers* and *A Special Day*.



Marcello Mastroianni seen in a file photo from 1993.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mother Teresa goes home after heart op
CALCUTTA (Reuters) - A smiling Mother Teresa walked out of hospital yesterday, three weeks after her third heart operation in five years, and returned to her religious order, where nuns sang and danced.

The 86-year-old Roman Catholic nun walked unaided out of Calcutta's B.M. Birla Heart Research Center. Smiling with her hands clasped together in the traditional Indian greeting, she bowed to the crowd outside the hospital.

Sisters rang the chapel bell as Mother Teresa was carried up two steps into her Missionaries of Charity order. Nuns crowded around her, applauding, singing and dancing. "It is God's wish," said Sister Priscilla Lewis.

India's Rao steps down as Congress chief
NEW DELHI (Reuters) - Former Indian prime minister P.V. Narasimha Rao resigned yesterday from his last party post as chief of the Congress party's parliamentary bloc amid a flurry of corruption charges.

Rao, who spearheaded India's move away from socialist economic controls to open markets, led the country from 1991 until last May when the 111-year-old Congress suffered its worst defeat in a general election. He rose to power after the assassination of former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi in May 1991.

Czech PM's party may quit gov't over pensions
PRAGUE (Reuters) - Czech Prime Minister Vaclav Klaus said yesterday his ruling Civic Democratic Party would end the governing coalition if his partners backed opposition plans to lower the pension age and boost farm subsidies.

In a blistering statement aimed not only at the opposition Social Democrats, but also his party's centrist coalition partners, the Christian Democrats, Klaus warned of a potential collapse of Czech post-Communist reforms if the plans were adopted.

Pressure eases on Bundestag speaker

BONN (Reuters) - Germany's embattled parliamentary speaker Rita Suessmuth got preliminary backing yesterday from a probe into alleged misuse of official aircraft as Chancellor Helmut Kohl denied party leaders wanted to discredit her.

Deputy speaker Hans-Ulrich Klose of the opposition Social Democrats (SPD) issued a statement saying that "an initial review of Mrs Suessmuth's flight schedule has not provided indications of an inappropriate use of official aircraft."

The comment was the first piece of good news this week for Suessmuth, the "Mrs Clean" of German politics, who has been under pressure over allegations she regularly used official aircraft to visit her daughter in Zurich.

Although Suessmuth is a member of Kohl's Christian Democratic Union (CDU), she is not well-liked within the party because of her advocacy of women's issues and what many conservatives see as her moralizing stand on social questions.

LONDON (Reuters) - Buckingham Palace yesterday said Prince Philip was sorry if he caused offence by criticizing government plans to ban most handguns in the wake of the Dunblane massacre, but it did not withdraw the comments.

Philip, 75, the blunt-spoken husband of Queen Elizabeth, triggered uproar by comparing guns to cricket bats and dismissing the public outcry after loner Thomas Hamilton killed 16 children in the Scottish town of Dunblane last March.

"Prince Philip had no intention whatsoever of causing offence or distress to anyone and he is sorry if he has done so," said a Buckingham Palace spokesman, making clear the prince stood by what he had told a BBC radio interviewer.

His comments capped a bad year for the royal family, whose already sullied reputation was further tarnished by Prince Charles's divorce from Princess Diana and the publication of sensational books on the private life of the Duchess of York.

In his interview Philip expressed sympathy for the relatives of the dead children and their teacher but said the public and government reaction had not been wholly rational.

"If a cricketer, for instance, suddenly decided to go into a school and batter a lot of people to death with a cricket bat, which he could do very easily, I mean are you going to ban cricket bats?" he said.

Shooters' groups and some Conservative members of parliament backed the Duke's comments, but the overwhelming response was one of disbelief and condemnation.

"How many people can you kill in three and a half minutes with a cricket bat? It is not the same as an automatic gun. You have to be realistic," said Beverley Birnie, whose six-year-old son Matthew survived the shootings at Dunblane.

"I despair of the Duke of Edinburgh. This man is insensitive, selfish and ham-fisted," said Tony Banks, member of parliament for the opposition Labor party.

"Once again he has wandered into a highly sensitive area. A prolonged period of silence on his part would be much appreciated," said Banks.

Palace apologizes for Prince Philip - again

Members of the royal family are not supposed to dabble in politics and government ministers are unlikely to be impressed by his criticism of their planned legislation, which itself has been attacked for being too timid.

"Quite honestly, I don't see this sort of legislation preventing handguns getting into the hands of criminals. I mean, it didn't before and it's not going to do now," said Philip.

The Duke has a history of making controversial comments. During a visit to China in 1986 he described Peking as "ghastly" and told British students: "If you stay here much longer you'll all be slit-eyed."

In 1995 he asked a Scottish driving instructor: "How do you drive the natives off the booze long enough to pass the test?"

China's last imperial eunuch dies at 93

BEIJING (Reuters) - China's last imperial eunuch has died in Beijing at the age of 93 after a life that spanned the end of a dynasty and a communist revolution that made a mockery of his castration.

Sun Yaoting, who served for seven years in the court of China's last emperor, died on Tuesday evening at his home in a Beijing temple, his biographer Jia Yinghua said yesterday.

"He was the last eunuch in China," Jia said.

Sun, who was born on December 29, 1902 near the northern port city of Tianjin, had his genitals sliced away eight years later by a father eager to wield power and influence through a son in the court of China's Qing emperors, Jia said.

Months later revolution swept away the Qing dynasty that had ruled China for almost three centuries, signaling the end of a system of promotion by emasculation that had supplied Chinese emperors with servants and agents for thousands of years.

Sun's remains were laid out in traditional style at Beijing's Guanghua temple on Wednesday, with a gold cloth across his face, rings on his fingers and in a white silk shroud embroidered with imperial dragon and phoenix motifs, Jia said.

Sun had served China's Emperor Pu Yi during the final years of the last Qing ruler's residence in the Forbidden City after he was stripped of his imperial title in 1911.

He was appointed to administer Beijing's temples by the victorious communist revolutionaries after they swept to power in 1949, said Jia, author of *The Secrets of The Last Eunuch*.

"He was a man of rare intelligence," Jia said, adding that when Sun revisited the Forbidden City in 1993 after a 70-year absence he had been able to point out historical inaccuracies in displays arranged by curators at the former home of China's emperors.

The eunuch's post-revolution security was shattered in 1966 when late Chairman Mao Zedong triggered 10 years of social ferment by launching the ultra-leftist Cultural Revolution.

Sun became an early victim of the radicalism embodied by the Red Guards. Mao's youthful socialist stormtroopers, who roamed China attacking anything seen as tainted by the feudal past.

Sun was sent back to his home village and in the chaos lost his precious genitals, which had been carefully preserved using traditional methods after his emasculation.

"They were thrown away by his family," Jia said. "They were afraid of being implicated if the genitals were found by the Red Guards."

According to Buddhist beliefs, a eunuch had to be buried with his penis to ensure successful reincarnation as a man.

"He used to joke about it," Jia said. "He said: 'When I die I will come back as a cat or a dog.'"

Sun's adopted son and grandson would take his remains to his home village for further ceremonies on Friday before having them cremated in Beijing, Jia said.

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High anxiety in the territories

Settlers are getting special counseling to deal with the stress they face because of where they live, **Herb Keiron reports**

STRESS, like water dripping methodically on a rock, erodes a person's psychological makeup. The greater the stress, the more the water hits the rock, and the more the impact on one's mental profile.

Israel is full of stress. The noise, the crowded living conditions, the roads, the specter of terror, the concern for children in the army, the political pressure. No wonder. President Ezer Weizman said this week, "Don't think that I sleep well at night. He is not alone."

Move into the territories, said clinical psychologist Ruby Wolbromsky, and the stress barometer soars even higher. Because in most of the settlements the residents are forced to deal not only with the regular, everyday stress of life here, but the additional burdens of insecurity over their future - will their homes be there tomorrow? - and greater concern about personal security.

"The whole country is a pressure cooker," said Wolbromsky, who lives in Efrat and practices in Jerusalem and in Gush Etzion. "But there is an added element in the territories. Nobody hesitates going to Tel Aviv, even though buses blew up there, but none of my cousins have come out to see us in Efrat."

Wolbromsky said he has a number of patients whose complaints about sleeping disorders, minor and major headaches, irritability, low frustration levels, and a feeling that they are more critical of their children, can be attributed to the political and security situation.

How does he know that these conditions are a result of the political climate and not, for instance, an intrusive mother-in-law? "Because when you start talking to these people, they complain about the political and security situation, and you realize that this is sitting awfully heavy on their minds," he said. "Nothing else in their lives has changed - they feel secure in their marriages, jobs and economic condition - and you realize it is the political situation."

Stress induced by a security-related incident was thrust to the forefront in the settlements following the attack that killed Efraim and Ephraim Tzur near Beit El last week. Wolbromsky said dozens of people have told him that when they drive the roads in the territories at night "they brace themselves to be shot. I know people who will not allow cars to pass them, for fear there may be terrorists inside. It is not healthy in a psychological sense, nor in a medical sense."

TO MINIMIZE the psychological impact of the Tzur attack on Beit El residents, a team of psychologists, social workers and school counselors was mobilized immediately following news of the incident.

Chanoch Yeres, director of psychological services for the Binyamin Regional Council, of which Beit El is a part, said that a top priority following this type of attack is to deal with people who may have faced similar traumas in their lives, and for whom this incident could trigger a debilitating replay.

"There is a wave effect that takes place for people who have had similar traumatic events in their lives, especially for children who have had something like this happen to them. After the news goes out of a shooting, they relive what happened to them. They are earmarked for special help," Yeres said.

Another group that was earmarked last Wednesday night was Ephraim Tzur's sixth-grade class.

That evening, the class met to discuss what had happened. "During the first few moments, there was denial," Yeres said. "The children asked simple questions like, 'Does the father have to remarry? What is going to happen at the funeral?' They talked about where they were at the time it happened, how they heard about it, and how well they know the family. They pointed to the desk where Ephraim sat."

What the psychologists try to do, Yeres said, is get the children to share their feelings, talk about their fears. The purpose is not to try and say there is nothing to be afraid of, "but to try and tell them they have every right to be scared, that it is okay to feel hurt, that their feelings are natural." Rather than telling the students how to deal with their fears, the psychologists asked the students for suggestions. "Some of them were enlightening," Yeres said. "Some said they were going to recite Psalms, others that they were going to travel more with their parents, or in groups."

Talking, says Wolbromsky, is critical because it helps put everything into proportion. "When you have a stress element working at you, you need to see it as what it is, or else it keeps working at you," he said. "Talking helps put everything into context, in the right proportions."

Another device that helps put things into proportion, not only for children but also adults, is accurate information about what has happened. This is the reason that almost immediately after the attack on the Tzur family, the Beit El local office printed handbills distributed to the residents with accurate information about the chain of events.

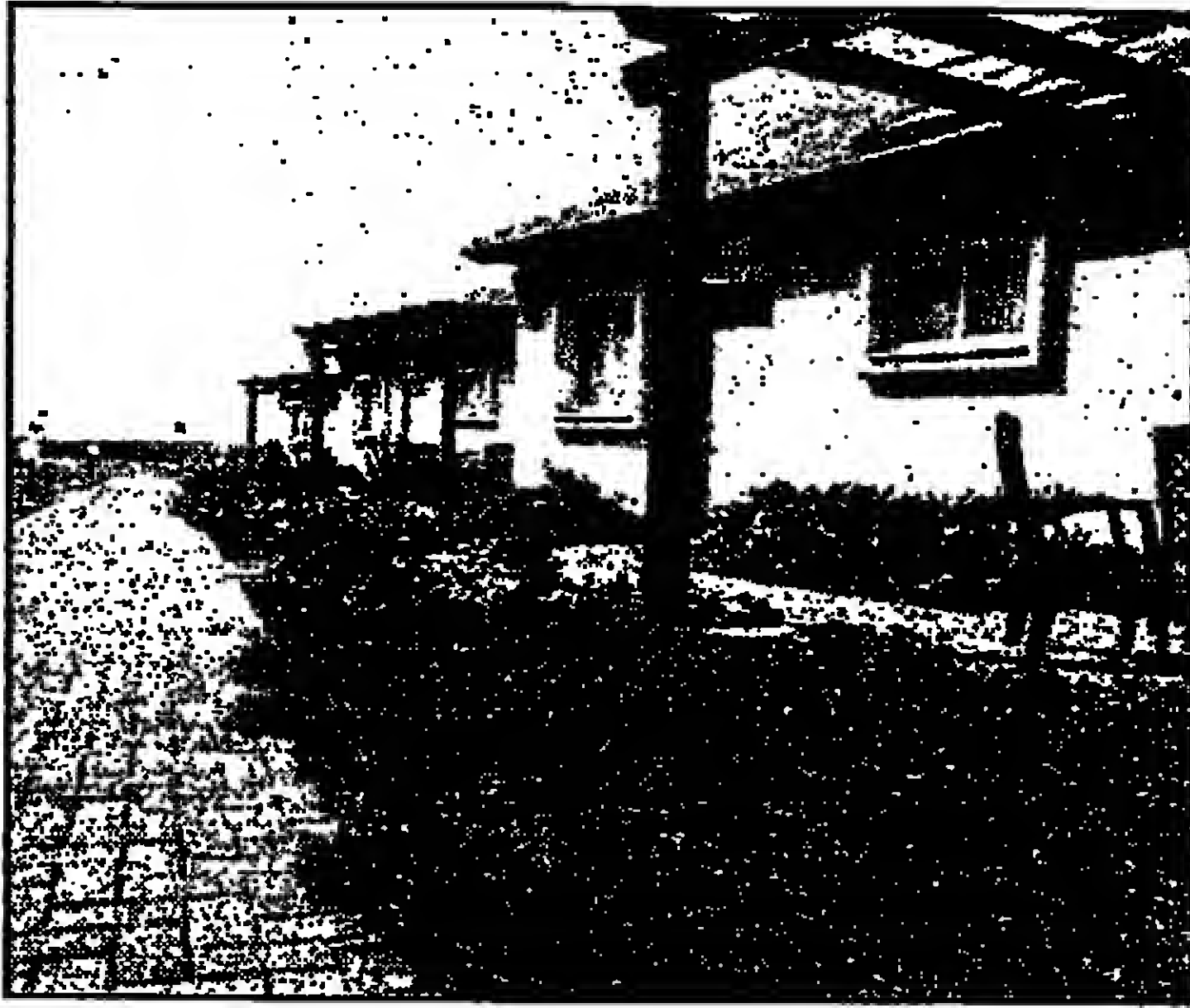
This information, said Zvi Moses, a clinical psychologist who lives in Karmel Shomron, is crucial because people are afraid of the unknown. "Knowing exactly what happened gives you a certain control over events," he said. "It limits the ability to fantasize about what happened, to think the worst."

DESPITE THE attack on the Tzur family, said Moses, who in 1990 set up an institute in Kedumim designed to deal with stress-related problems, the Jews in the territories in general have felt a degree of psychological relief since the elections. "At least people now don't feel that they are going to be thrown out of their homes," Moses said. He also said people are less concerned about security on the roads - not necessarily because there are more IDF soldiers patrolling, but because of the feeling "that, even with the attack, there is a government in place that cares and who will wage a battle to defend us."

This feeling, he said, was largely absent under the previous government. Moses said that the outpouring of public support for the family from the highest levels of the government - and also including leaders of the opposition - has helped everyone in the settlements deal with the attack.

"The message this sends is that people are really not that much against us. The object of the attacks now is Netanyahu, not the settlers, and the feeling in the settlements is that there is a father who cares about us, who worries about us."

Wolbromsky disagrees. He said it is too early to discern the impact of the elections on people's psychological makeup, but that he has noticed a great deal of frustration with Binyamin Netanyahu. "When Netanyahu was elected, people thought he was going to be the savior [for the settlements]. This is wearing off."



'You can't stop living'

Uncertainty over the Golan's future hasn't shaken its residents' resolve, **Allison Ofanansky writes**

COBY Shpiegel planted 20 dunams of apples and nectarines in his orchard on the Golan Heights four years ago. Next year, he plans to plant another grove. "Even if I know I might not be able to pick the fruit from those trees," he says, "part of being a farmer is to plant more."

Shpiegel and 35 of his friends from the army moved to the Golan in 1974, after their army service there. "From time to time, when I walk in my fields, the thought that I may have to give everything up makes me crazy and it stops me from doing some work," he said. "But you can't stop living."

Ilit Eitam, who lives on the religious moshav Nov, said she doesn't believe she will ever have to leave. "Why do you keep saying my future is uncertain?" she said. "Because Rabin or Peres said something I have to be uncertain and unsure? I'm not." Eitam is building a new workshop for her wood-crafting business.

Despite the political debate over the land where they live, residents of the Golan continue to build. The communities, from secular kibbutzim to right-wing, religious moshavim, are growing. According to the Golan Regional Council, 15 of the Golan's 32 Jewish communities have housing available, costing between NIS 140,000 and NIS 190,000.

"There's not one house that hasn't been expanded in the last four years," said Hagit Zelcer of Haspin, a religious community near Nov. "We've invested more money in the sports center. We're building a pool."

Behind Haspin's yeshiva, bulldozers scraped out an area where a larger dining hall is being built.

"In Nov, we started to build a campus for girls," Eitam said. "It's only in its second year, so we have only 20 girls, but we're just getting started."

Eitam talks about future plans for herself and the moshav with the same determination that brought her to the Golan 18 years ago. "In the old Zionist and Jewish way, we were going to make it Paradise. And we are on our way." She even brings up new settlements, a subject most Golan supporters skirt around. "We are going to build three new settlements on the western slopes of the Golan Heights, overlooking the Kinneret. Anyone who invests in them will be rich."

Has permission been given to build the new settlements? "They will have permission. Just you wait."

Devora and Yehuda Geller are also just getting started with life on the Golan. In 1992, they moved with their seven children

to Haspin from their home in the Negev. Their move was purely ideological. "Sure, we're willing to invest here," Yehuda said. "We built this house at an investment of \$100,000. People are building here whether Rabin said they can or not."

The development in the Golan goes against a background of accusations from Syria that any new building in the region is a violation of the Oslo agreements and a threat to the entire peace process. "My friends in Tel Aviv tell me that by living in the Golan I am blocking the peace," said Shpiegel. "We are not stopping the peace. I have a son serving in Lebanon. I can understand that parents don't want to bury their children anymore. But I also worry about what's going to happen to my younger son. I don't want Israel to make a decision we would cry over in two years."

Eitam agrees. "It's hypocritical to blame us," she said. "You can't make real peace with a gun to your head. So if the Syrians are going to make war, we'll face the war. But I'm sure peace will come. We have time, we are patient."

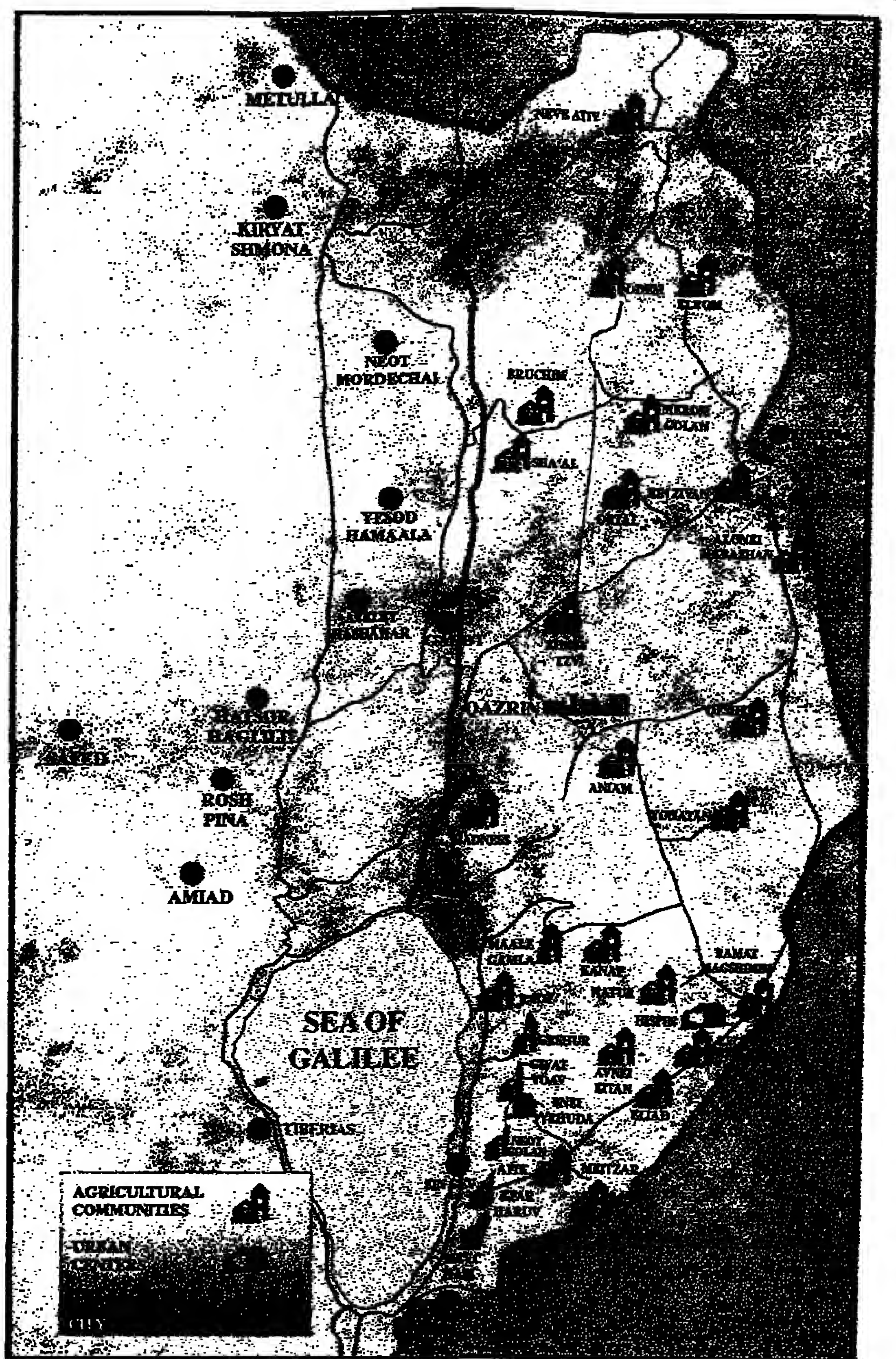
Farmer Dennis van Meter said development of the region did not suddenly accelerate since the election but has been going on all along. "In fact, the Labor government was always more generous with funds."

Van Meter lives and works on Afik, a secular kibbutz. From a rise just outside his fields, he can look into both Jordan and Syria. On the road between his fields, his wife Marla pointed out an agricultural water-reclamation project built three years ago. A mile down the road is an apple orchard planted around the same time.

Marla and Dennis are two central organizers of the Golan Residents' Committee, a grassroots group opposed to withdrawal from the Golan. In 1977, Marla hitchhiked to the Golan with her brother, who fought in the Yom Kippur War. Six years later, she and her husband "made aliyah right to the Golan."

She said they don't even entertain the idea of moving. "Never once, in our most private moment, have we ever said to each other, 'What if?'" Marla said she has noticed a difference since the election, even on her Labor-oriented kibbutz. "Maybe they'd let the outside of their house go a little, or they hadn't built that patio for the bicycles they'd been talking about."

When she returned from a visit to the US this fall, she said, "I was amazed. People were buying plants and painting their houses. There was a change in mood."



A map of the Golan Heights details Jewish settlements in the area; Katzrin town clerk Nahum Nissim says that 760 new houses were built in the past few years and they all sold out.

For some, fixing up their house may be a political statement. For others, it's just an attempt to live a normal life in the face of uncertainty. "We extended our house last year," said a Katzrin resident affiliated with Derech Leshalom, a group that says they will support the government's decision to withdraw from the Golan if that's deemed necessary for peace with Syria. "We could have built the new room three years ago, but we didn't know if we'd be here the next year, so we delayed. Finally we decided that we can't live our lives like that."

The local government for the town of Katzrin also functions like that of any other town, planning new projects and worrying about how to create jobs for a growing population. "Katzrin is growing by 60 to 100 people every month," said Nahum Nissim, the town clerk. "We built 760 new houses in the past few years and they all sold out. There's not one vacant house."

He said planning has been authorized for 96 houses to be added to an existing neighborhood and for a new neighborhood with 35 lots for "build your dream homes."

With NIS 3 million budgeted from the Ministry of Tourism, the town is working on some major projects to attract visitors, such as Katzrin Park, built around the excavation of an ancient synagogue. "We are going to make a little Talmud village with people in costume acting out the parts," said Sh Parat, the town's spokesman.

The city has a list of projects in the works - a new police station and town square, a m. Nissim said Katzrin is preparing for the opening celebration of a NIS 6 million community center, and it just finished "lay

center for senior citizens. Across the street from the government building stands a three-story mall, finished two years ago.

The stores are no going-out-of-business ones and the mall looked busier than similar ones in some cities whose future is not on the negotiating table.

"This is the normal expansion of towns," Nissim said. Parat agreed. "This is not an ideological statement. Young people, like us, come here looking for quality of life."

Thirty percent of the city's new residents immigrated recently to Israel, many of them from former Soviet Union. The Maryna Volkovsky came on Lithuania in 1992, she decided to live in Haifa or Tel Aviv. Her move to the Golan was the chance - she had an uncle in Katzrin, started upland the found work, and stayed.

"If I have to leave here," she says, "I'll go back to Lithuania." Volkovsky has a degree in architecture and already has designs for the home she hopes to build in Katzrin. "I'm here six years already and from the first day I heard only about the 'Golan Situation.' But I don't feel like I have to move from here."

"This is the Middle East here. No one anywhere can tell what's going to happen tomorrow," said David Alin, a bee-keeper on Moshav Givat Yoav. Alin and his wife have lived on the Golan since 1974.

"I have friends on a kibbutz up north. When these negotiations started they thought about pruning their trees in a way that gives high yield for a few years, then the trees die. They decided against it. And they're still there, harvesting from those trees."

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The rising sun in the Holy Land

Japanese participants in a recent dialogue in Jerusalem found Israeli academics and businesspeople stimulating and intelligent. Yosef Goell met with them

One thing our two countries, Japan and Israel, have in common is that we are not liked by our neighbors. Thus began Professor Makoto Iokibe, law professor at Kobe University, who was cast around for similarities between the two countries with which to start the ball rolling at the Japan-Israel dialogue held last month at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute. He was certainly correct in that parallelism, but way off in another one.

Iokibe, like the other members of the Japanese group, declared how deeply moved they were by their visit to Masada, and hearing the story of its ancient Jewish defenders from their guide, Iokibe went on to compare the nationalist myth of Masada to the Japanese concept of the kamikaze. To the somewhat perplexed Israeli participants the Japanese explained that what had impressed them at Masada was the story of the decision of the Jewish defenders of that desert fortress, against the superior Romans, to commit mass suicide when that fight proved hopeless. Many Japanese soldiers behaved in similar fashion when the American forces closed in on Fort Mifun at the end of World War II.

The kamikaze were the Japanese suicide pilots who dove their bombers onto the decks of American aircraft carriers in the vain hope of stemming the impending American invasion of their homeland. Those modern kamikazes were named after the "divine wind," which sank the gigantic Mongol armada, which in 1281 was set to invade the Japanese Islands across the Straits of Tsushima.

It is hard to imagine two countries, peoples and cultures more different than Israel and Japan - which are at the opposite ends of the Asian continent. To begin with, Japan's population stands at 126 million compared with our own, at less than six million; and Japan's sky-high gross national product per capita towers over Israel's middling standing, which

has just recently qualified her for entry into the list of the world's wealthiest nations. Once the ice was broken, however, the Japanese and Israeli participants gave up seeking strained similarities between the two countries and societies in favor of asking questions and attempting informative answers. Those answers highlighted how little even highly educated people, like the dialogue participants, really know about each other's countries.

I would be hard to exaggerate the high level of the members of the Japanese delegation. Yamamoto told me that Yesuhiro Tsai, a columnist for the *Nihon Keizai Shimbun*, was on the fast track to becoming editor of his newspaper, Japan's leading financial journal after which the Nikkei Stock Exchange Index is named. Keiichi Honda, a leading economist and investment adviser, is chairman of the Nihon Sun Microsystems, and prior to that appointment held senior positions at the bank of Tokyo. The others were leading professors of law, political science and international relations.

Prior to the session on regional security, the Japanese had all remarked on their perception of Israel as the strongest military power in the Middle East. As the presentation by Professor Yoshinide Soeya of Keio University progressed, however, both sides began expounding on their "competitive nightmare scenarios": Israel's being the entry of nuclearized Iran and Iraq into the conflict. Soeya noted that while the Japanese developed the sixth largest armed forces in the world, they intentionally shunned any nuclear role having agreed to dwell under the American nuclear umbrella.

The American-Japanese alliance was forged as part of America's global strategy to wage the Cold War against the Soviet Union. It was an alliance of unequals, Soeya said, but antagonistic to both sides. Now that the Cold War

was over, the Japanese fear is that the Americans might be tempted to withdraw from that alliance, leaving Japan to face China as the new major regional power. Soeya denied the Chinese charge that the US and Japan aimed their alliance against China, asserting that it was aimed primarily at the threat from North Korea.

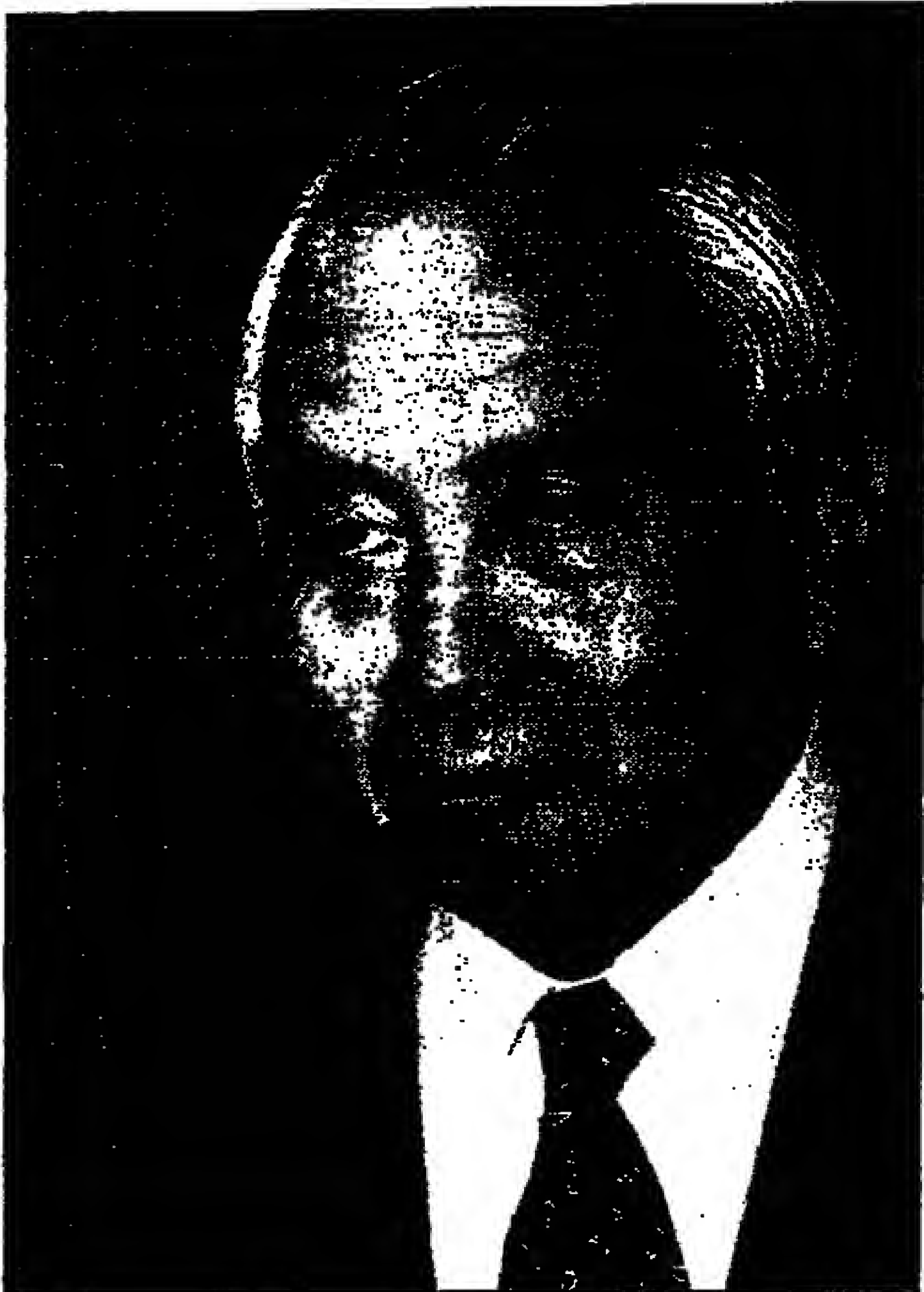
One of the problems confronting Japanese strategists, he noted, was that it was as yet impossible to predict which way China would develop: Towards internal unity and focused on economic development, or in the direction of internal dissension and external aggression.

ONE OF the surprises of the session was Professor Nehemiah Levtzion, who first asserted that the Arabs did not constitute an existential threat to Israel after 1956 - "the existential threat in the Six Day and the Yom Kippur wars was largely imaginary," he said. Having established his credentials as a peace-camp dove, he then went on to claim that even if peace were attained with the Palestinians and the surrounding Arab states, "if the Arab states in the future feel that they have a real option to destroy Israel by war, they would take it.

"I am very much in favor of the peace process, but I believe that the advent of peace will in no way reduce Israel's need to remain militarily strong. I believe, however, that it will not be necessary to retain various territories to ensure that strength," he said, to which some of his Jewish Israeli colleagues retorted: "If that analysis is true that means that the peace is very dangerous to Israel."

Hebrew University professor of psychology Amia Lieblich pointed out, for example, that it would be very problematic to maintain popular motivation for continuing to maintain a militarily strong Israel in an atmosphere of peace.

Keiichi Honda analyzed some of the "internal" economic and social problems that had put a stop to the Japanese "bubble economy" economic miracle, such as a government and business bureaucracy which engendered rigidity, a basically frugal Japanese population in the midst of economic prosperity, and an extremely passive Japanese nature "compared with the frenetic Israelis."



Chairman Yamamoto: We were moved and stimulated by our visit.

He said that as a result of his tour he was very excited over the possibilities of the development of the Jordan Rift Valley, including the various plans for canals between the Mediterranean and the Dead Seas. "Japanese investors are what made possible the financing of the Channel Tunnel between France and England, the bridge over the Bosphorus, and similar major projects in Sumatra. The prospect of such Japanese participation in Israeli projects is exciting, but the obvious condition is that the peace process continues and bears fruit," he said.

"But the way we Japanese operate is to send hundreds of missions to study proposed projects and, only afterwards, mulling interminably over their reports to decide. Our mission could be seen as part of such a process," he said. "The fact that we Japanese have been especially good at doing assembly work has been the basis of much of our economic success," he said, rolling his hands and fiddling his fingers to indicate the source of Japan's economic miracle.

The problem is, he added, "that much of that sort of work is being farmed out to other countries and to imported labor. Fewer and fewer Japanese are willing to do that work, and the old social contract which guaranteed workers a life-long job and career in return for loyalty to the company, is fast eroding.

"Our problem is that our IQ is definitely lower than yours. While

we have been good at assembly and the organization of production, we have not shown the same sort of ingenuity and flexibility that I found here.

It was hard for me to tell whether the very definitely non-insurable Honda meant it, or was merely buttering us up.

Building bridges

WHEN you come down to it, tiny Israel at the other end of Asia is not of that great intrinsic importance to Japan, but you are fantastically exciting and intellectually stimulating to us," Tadashi Yamamoto told me in summing up the two day Japan-Israel dialogue at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute.

Yamamoto, who organized and led the six-person - including one woman - Japanese mission to the dialogue, was the founder, in 1970, of the Japan Center for International Exchange, of which he is still the president.

He has a long history of initiating and serving on such international exchange and dialogue groups, and is also an adviser to the Japanese prime minister. He served as Japanese executive director of the Japan-US Economic Relations Group, the US-Japan Advisory Commission and the Korea-Japan 21st Century Committee.

Yamamoto is currently the Japanese director of the prestigious Trilateral Commission, the UK-Japan 2000 group, the Japanese-German Dialogue Forum, and the Korea-Japan Forum.

"In recent years, there has been a vague admiration for Israel among Japanese intellectuals and business leaders, coupled with a degree of skepticism and a staggering lack of knowledge. There is also a certain empathy for Israel based on a sense of a shared burden of being the victims of atrocities [the Holocaust and Hiroshima].

"But Israel has been an abstraction even for those Japanese who have such feelings. Nothing beats direct exposure to the real live Israelis and to the country itself to make those impressions real. I can't emphasize enough how much the members of the group were moved and stimulated by their visit."

Yamamoto said that he would be bringing a second such Japanese group to Israel for another dialogue next year. A parallel Israeli group visited Japan for a similar dialogue in 1993, and another such session will be held in Japan next September.

In Israel, the Japan-Israel Dialogue is represented by the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute and its chairman, Professor Nehemiah Levtzion of the Hebrew University, who with Yamamoto co-chaired last month's sessions. "By the time we will have brought 20-30 such Japanese intellectual and business leaders for tours and dialogues in Israel, we will have created the critical mass needed to change the landscape of the relations between our two countries," predicted Yamamoto.

Yamamoto is the son of Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, who as head of the Japanese combined fleet masterminded the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. After he was shot down over the Solomon Islands in 1943 he became the outstanding Japanese war hero of World War II.

The China syndrome in US-Israel relations

Israel's arms deals with China add an uncomfortable dimension to relations with the US, Gerald Steinberg reports

IF, as expected, tensions between Washington and Beijing increase, the challenge for Israel is to continue to walk the narrow tightrope between the alliance and cooperation with the US on the one hand, and sustaining the positive relationship with China on the other. This will require policy makers to make decisions carefully in this area, weighing the possible benefits of increased dealings with China against the dangers and long-term costs with the Americans. In the past, such careful balancing was often the exception rather than the rule where lucrative arms sales were involved.

During Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai's recent visit to Washington, he discussed the issue with US Secretary of Defense William Perry, and a public statement was released regarding efforts to improve policy coordination on policies regarding export of weapons and technology. Such an arrangement provides the best hope for insuring the interests of Israel and the US, while avoiding additional disputes.

The friendly diplomatic language heard during US Secretary of State Warren Christopher's visit to China, and the meeting between President Clinton and Chinese President Jiang Zemin in Manila, masked growing tensions in relations between Washington and Beijing.

The points of conflict include American complaints regarding Chinese trade practices, China's human rights abuses, and Beijing's weak policies on nuclear non-proliferation and control of related technological exports.

Also, the transfer of control of Hong Kong from Britain to China, scheduled for July 1997, will constitute a major test, and few analysts and policy makers expect it to go smoothly.

China's strained relations with Israel Aircraft Industries, Elbit, TAAS-Israeli Industries and Rafael, and the weapons technologies they produce, are vital to Israel's own long-term security, and if agreements and revenues from China help these firms stay in business, then it makes sense for the Ministry of Defense to license and even promote these sales.

From the Israeli perspective, this policy also represents an important political investment.

FOR DECADES, China did not have diplomatic relations with Israel and supported the radical Arab states. The close links between Israel and China over the past 15 years have led to changes in the Chinese policies, and in the future, as China's power and influence grows, it is important for Israel that the old policies are not restored.

Israel does not want to see China take the Soviet Union's place as the main supplier of weapons and technology to Syria, Iraq, and other Arab states. The military links with China provide a form of insurance for Israel against this type of policy.

If the tensions between the US and China increase in the next few years, the Israeli links to and differing perspectives and interests with respect to China may become a major source of contention in the US-Israel relationship.

Israel has no vital national interests at stake in Asia, but does seek to prevent Chinese sales of weapons and technology to the Arabs. (Israel also has links with Taiwan, and has carefully avoided choosing sides or being involved in the disputes between Taiwan and China).

At the same time, the maintenance and strengthening of defense and strategic cooperation with the US is far more vital to Israeli security.

As a result, Israel has a strong interest in avoiding a clash with the Americans over the issue of technology and weapons sales to China.

After the 1991 Gulf War, these leaks claimed that Israel had provided the Chinese with the plans for Patriot air-and-missile defense systems.

The US took the unprecedented step of sending a team of Pentagon investigators to gather evidence, and their report cleared Israel, noting that no evidence was found. But the allegations and leaks persist.

More recently, there are reports of tension between Washington and Jerusalem over plans to sell China an Falcon airborne early warning aircraft, based on Israeli-made electronics and a Russian transport aircraft. To date, the Russian government has not approved the deal, but the negotiations have not been received very well in the US.

Since the American embargo on the sale of weapons and technology to China, Israel is viewed as the provider of an alternative source, thereby weakening the impact of US policy.

For Israel, China represents a very important potential market for military technology during a period of drastic reductions in other markets and crisis in the defense industries.

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Getting an angle on a flash in the pan

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ALTHOUGH he has plenty of political fish to fry, US ambassador Martin Indyk is almost as interested in the finned and scaled variety – especially at mealtimes. When Jewish National Fund chairman Moshe Rivlin in the course of a tour of the Negev took him to Kibbutz Mashabei Sadeh and presented him with a St. Peter's fish bred in the Negev, Indyk, no slouch, went angling for another and proved to Rivlin that the true art of diplomacy is being a good fisherman. Needless to say, the fish ended up on Rivlin and Indyk's lunch plates.

whelming, did not rob him of his instinct to capture it for posterity. Seated with his family on one side of the Shiseido Lounge in Tel Aviv, Eshet, despite the presence of many press photographers, clicked away with a miniature camera while on the other side of the lounge Katsumi Takemori, executive director of Shiseido's International Business Department, also caught the moment through the lens of his miniature camera.



Ambassador Indyk and Moshe Rivlin examine the catch.

izing what Herzliya would become... NEVER MIND his special powers, some of which he suspects he received from distant relative Sigmund Freud, what several of the women attending a press conference given by paranormalist Uri Geller at Jerusalem's Holiday Inn Crownie Plaza wondered about later was his elixir of youth. Geller, who turns 50 next week, bears no signs of wear and tear. His face and neck are firm and unlined and his body slim and agile. After completing his army service nearly 30 years ago, he worked briefly as a model, and from the look of him, he could easily fit into that line of work again should the fancy take him.

KNOWN TO be one of Lady Luck's favorites, professional gambler Ezra Tissona is willing to share his good fortune with fellow Israelis and has produced a video cassette on how to win at blackjack. His tips may be a little late for would-be gamblers planning a vacation in Turkey. According to reports, Turkey's present regime is to close down all casinos. It will be interesting to see what effect that has on tourism. Meanwhile, there are legalized blackjack tables close to home in Tabat and in Cairo.

FORMER PRIME minister Yitzhak Shamir, interviewed on Israel Radio about the membership in Lehi of Yusuf Abu Ghosh, said that it had been easy for Abu Ghosh (whose most lasting claim to fame was spiriting Genia Cohen from the clutches of the British authorities) to align himself with Lehi, because both Arabs and Jews were interested at the time in getting the British out of the country. Asked whether Abu Ghosh also had a hand in the assassination of Count

Bernadotte, Shamir said he didn't know. But when interviewer Arye Golan persisted with the pointed remark that Shamir himself was involved in the killing, Shamir sidestepped the issue with "Ah, that's another story."

TIMING IS everything. The warning by Egyptian ambassador Mohammed Bassiony that he might be recalled if the peace process remains stalled came on the day Zvi Mazel, Israel's new envoy to Egypt, left for Cairo.

AS A public relations executive, Jerusalemite Jill Marie Reinach is no stranger to celebrities. But if she thought she was getting off the celebrity circuit when she went back to Miami to visit with family and friends, she was mistaken. Her mother, Judy Reinach, who is a mover and shaker with the Women's Emergency Network, had been delegated to pick up Olivia Goldsmith, best-selling author of *The First Wives Club*, for a gala benefit at which Goldsmith was the star attraction. Later, all three went out to dinner at Miami's Giacosta Restaurant, where Goldsmith divulged that she was returning to Los Angeles to complete the screenplay for *Marrying Mom*, soon to be reviewed by Paramount. *The First Wives Club* has become a smash-hit movie in the US and is about to be shown in Israel. Goldsmith was very interested in how it would be received here and asked Reinach to send her the local reviews.

JOINING THE ranks of film folk who've invested in gastronomy is British actor Michael Caine, who opted for the popular Miami art-deco venue of South Beach for his eatery, which will be known as the South Beach Brasserie. The opening date has yet to be announced.

IT'S BEEN a great year for Madonna. First there was motherhood, then the premiere of *Evita* and now speculation she has a good shot at an Oscar for her performance.

AFTER A long absence, Debbie Reynolds – who was once married to Eddie Fisher who dumped her for Elizabeth Taylor – is returning to the set. Reynolds, 63, has been managing a casino hotel in Los Angeles. But in her case, the odds seem to have been stacked against the house which made Reynolds decide that money-wise, the movies might just be a better proposition.

A six-month ride through virtual reality

THE WEEK THAT WAS
MICHAEL YUDELMAN

A special edition of Channel 2's *Uvda* ("Fact") was devoted to assessing the performance of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu after six months in office. It turned out to be a scathing judgment. Not one of the heavyweight journalists in the studio, including Dan Margalit, Razi Barkai, Immanuel Rosen and Ze'ev Schiff, seemed able to find a single positive aspect of the new leader.

state is headed in the wrong direction, 32 percent don't believe the government "very much" and 28.9 percent don't believe it at all. Some 62.1 percent are afraid of war breaking out, and 50.7 percent want a national unity government. A colossal 70.6 percent believe the country is riddled with ethnic discrimination and social division. The number of people thinking of leaving increased to 14.9 percent from 7.3 the previous month. That adds up to 750,000 people.

Health Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, who tried valiantly to defend Netanyahu, could shed no new light on the enigma – as the pundits called Netanyahu – nor could he decipher his direction or policy. The debate inevitably plunged into the malfunctions of the week: The crisis of credibility between the prime minister and the head of the General Security Service – and which of them was telling the truth, the announced strengthening of the settlements, the rift with the Arab neighbors, Bill Clinton, Europe and the world, and the ongoing saga of Hebron. The Labor leadership also marked the occasion with a news conference to summarize the malfunctioning of the government.

All that talk about "crawling towards a national unity government" and "defeatism" was buried as a Labor leader full of fire and verve led the tirade against Netanyahu. Shimon Peres, MKs Haim Ramon and Ephraim Sneh, Professor Shlomo Ben-Ami and Nissim Zivili declared an offensive to influence the Knesset and public opinion, with the aim of numbering the government's days. Peres was the first to admit that verbal assaults and criticism, or even getting people on the streets, would not be enough to topple the government. The meeting did, however, produce some catchy slogans, displaying a creative talent among Labor MKs sadly lacking in their election campaign. Sneh said "instead of a secure peace, Netanyahu is securing failure." Ramon called Netanyahu a "security hazard," while Ben-Ami called Netanyahu "a ticking time bomb heading for disaster." MK Uzi Baram demonstrated more flair in the Knesset the following day: "Netanyahu is a traffic accident on the road to peace."

cellular photo
der deadline
extended

NANNYGATE II
Netanyahu's family keeps popping up with monotonous regularity, on television or in the Knesset. This week, the new Dutch nanny hired by the Prime Minister's Office for the kiddos featured in the widely televised "canal vacation" in Mitzpe Ramon last weekend, and ended up in the House. Eyebrows are raised at the Netanyahu's penchant for hiring foreign nannies with no Hebrew. It prompted MK Naomli Chazan, of Meretz, to put down a parliamentary question to the prime minister about his household employing a non-resident maid. Had she a valid work permit at the time she was hired by the prime minister? Since the Prime Minister's Office is paying her wages, couldn't it find an Israeli maid or nanny worthy of the post? In other words, since unemployment is rising and since taxpayers are paying for it, could the prime minister not find throughout the land of Israel a nice Jewish girl to do the job? "And how will the prime minister's children get guidance in their prayers like 'Master of the Universe' (*Adon Olam*)", when they spend most of their time with a Christian nanny?" queried Chazan.

THE FAT AND THE LEAN
As the cabinet is agonizing over the budget cuts – should we cut child allocations or only medical services, or perhaps just raise some taxes and be done with it – a cheery lift for the national mood has emerged. The residents of development towns and fired textile workers, for instance, will be pleased to learn that while they groan under minimum wages or unemployment pay, state allocations for haredi "conversion" institutes have increased in the past six months by 28 percent to NIS 50 million. "This is shocking," exclaimed Labor MK Ophir Pines. "It appears each one of us is paying to finance our children's conversion."

The Religious Affairs Ministry budget alone came to NIS 1.2 billion this year and will rise to NIS 1.4 billion next year, but the allocations for religious institutions from all the ministries come to NIS 5.25 billion. Then there are the NIS 900 million allocated for the settlements in the territories, and another half a billion shekels a year for priority development regions. Even the Knesset's own budget will be 28 percent (NIS 14.5 million) higher than the Treasury's budget proposal, due chiefly to Knesset members raising their own salaries by 33 percent and adding other generous benefits.

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Foreign paper overused in barber's shop? (6)
4 Gran teas off in drive apart (8)
9 Tar transported elsewhere (6)
10 Set off for school within appointed time (8)
12 Sunday child in slide out of control (4)
13 Reversible plane (5)
14 Cork to received favourable mention? (4)
17 Inhabits pole turning xenophobic? (12)
20 Change oysters for other things one can choose from (12)
23 State bible presented to old women (4)
24 His two sixes said to be unlucky? (5)

DOWN
25 Ruin a French party (4)
28 England's openers in strange things once a week (8)
29 C-castles for dishonest people (6)
30 Advances total sum (8)
31 Like mushrooms from North American golf? (6)

27 Tale spun in city, in elegant style (6)
8 Drive wild green yacht at first (6)
11 Home she medicated liberally (4-8)
15 Air in church blows lamps out! (5)
16 Tone-lowering characters in apartments (5)
18 Plaintant heard in late service (8)
19 Adopting cause, Poles settled round America (6)
21 How six-passenger consumes everything put before him? (4,2)
22 Produced nothing in the country (6)
26 Measure tube (4)
27 Father to the French, mother to the Germans?(4)

SOLUTIONS

Yesterday's Quick Solution
ACROSS: 1 Wore, 3 Criminal, 5 Burma, 10 Puritan, 11 Yarn, 13 Trickster, 14 Dealer, 16 Allege, 18 Guerrilla, 20 Gad, 22 Defeat, 23 Topaz, 25 Diology, 28 Away.
DOWN: 1 Wordy, 2 Ram, 4 Repeat, 5 Marital, 6 Notorious, 7 Linings, 8 Gait, 12 Masterful, 14 Baghdad, 15 Earnest, 17 Ulster, 19 Alto, 21 Dizzy, 24 Pew.

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS
7 Bizet opera (6)
8 Flatfish (6)
10 Burlesque, parody (7)
11 French impressionist painter (5)
12 Golf club (4)
13 Decide, gibe at (5)
17 Wanderer (5)
18 Impetuous (4)
22 Cut corners (5)
23 Unlawful (7)
24 Six-legged creature (6)
25 Unmarried (6)

DOWN
1 Commend (7)
2 Vivid red colour (7)
3 Criminal (5)
4 US college graduate (7)
5 Demon (5)
6 Breakwater (5)
9 Pain-relieving substance (9)
14 Dense (7)
15 Suitscases (7)
16 Refuge (7)
19 On the move (5)
20 Slightly drunk (5)
21 Talent, elegance (5)

CALLING ALL YOU HANDICRAFTERS

The Jerusalem Post Pessah Handicrafts Fair will take place on Wednesday, April 23, 1997, at the Ra'anana Sports Center, next to Metro West High School. If you create top quality handicrafts and wish to book a stand at the fair, please contact Beverlee Black, Director of The Jerusalem Post Funds, Tel. 02-625-3986. All proceeds from the fair will help Israel's needy children, the elderly and new immigrants.

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PA cellular phone tender deadline extended

DAVID HARRIS

FACED with demand far higher than originally anticipated, the Palestinian Authority has extended the deadline for initial tender applications to provide cellular telephone services in the territories.

Having advertised the tender a week ago, the deadline expired Wednesday.

"We have decided to push the deadline forward 10 days," PA Communications Ministry undersecretary Zuhair Al-Laham said yesterday. "We had complaints from a number of interested companies that a week was too little notice."

Palestine Telecommunications Company (Paltel), which last month signed a pact with the PA making it the sole supplier of telecom services in the territories, reported a large demand for the tender brochure. "This is one of our main projects," said company engineer Munassim Attili. "I can't say how many companies have expressed interest, but it goes into double figures."

The final tender, which must be submitted by February, calls for the provision of the telephone network design, and a quotation for the provi-

sion of the necessary equipment. Additionally, there will be room to negotiate the possible purchase of shares in the operating company.

The network will be implemented in several phases over 18 months. The first area to be included in the network, six months after the tender is awarded, will be Gaza and a limited area of the West Bank, followed by all the West Bank cities.

Paltel is also preparing the ground work for the extension of land-based telephone lines in the territories. "Currently there is a large shortage of lines," said Attili. "We will soon be issuing a tender to extend our services." This follows an agreement with the PA to increase the number of lines within the next few years.

Paltel hopes to have 250,000 customers within three years. "In the long term the company will strive to create an entirely independent public communications network," company director-general Mohammed Mustafa said recently.

The company has also agreed to supply data and satellite communications, Internet facilities and public pay phones throughout the territories.

Sheves denies bribery allegations

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

SHIMON Sheves, who headed the Prime Minister's Office under Yitzhak Rabin, yesterday denied bribery allegations.

"I have never been engaged in the energy field, neither in my former position as director-general of the Prime Minister's Office nor at any other time," Sheves said, in response to reports that the Securities Authority is investigating allegations that he received benefits from publicly traded companies in return for helping them win concessions in the energy field.

Sheves headed the Prime Minister's Office from Rabin's assumption of office in 1992 until his abrupt resignation shortly before Rabin's killing.

The investigation, which is reportedly in the preliminary stage, is based on documents and information from 1994. Investigators are looking into suspicions that Sheves received inside information from Avi Dotan, managing director of Petroleum and Energy.

According to *Ha'aretz*, Sheves and Dotan have already been questioned by the Securities Authority. A Securities Authority spokesman refused to confirm or deny the report.

A source close to the Securities Authority told *The Jerusalem Post*

that other politicians are suspected of accepting benefits while serving as civil servants in the previous government.

The Securities Authority, which serves as the financial market's legal watchdog, has, among others, the authority to conduct investigations on insider trading and benefits received in connection with securities traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

The Securities Law defines inside information as data on developments in a company, whether currently under way or expected to occur in the future, or any other information on a company which is not known to the public and which is likely to lead to a significant change in a share's value.

The Authority reportedly suspects Sheves helped boost the stock value of several companies traded on the exchange by helping them get contracts in the energy field. As a result, the company's major shareholders reaped big profits while Sheves allegedly received a "benefit."

"This is a false charge. I have never engaged in these things, I have never manipulated shares, I never had inside information and have never been involved in share

dealings. The whole thing is absurd, ridiculous and sad," said Sheves.

Published reports claim the Authority suspects inside information on petroleum transactions and drills was transferred to and from Sheves' office and the state-owned Petroleum and Energy. The information was passed on to public companies which buy from the company refined oil products and use its services while pumping and storing crude.

Petroleum and Energy provides infrastructure services for the import, export, shipment and storage of crude oil and refined energy products. The company, which plays a major role in the energy sector, owns several crude storage and refinement terminals.

Avi Dotan had previously served in a number of high-ranking police positions, including head of operations headquarters at the Ministry of Police and head of the Police's Intelligence Branch.

Asked to comment on his relationship with Dotan, Sheves said: "We have been friends for many years but were not in contact in the framework of my previous position."

Dotan also denied yesterday the allegations. "We are talking about a false, malicious and evil charge," he said.

Analysts: Peru crisis will affect foreign investment

LONDON (Reuters) - Foreign investors, still reeling from news of the ongoing hostage stand-off in Lima, say the events mark an increase in Peruvian risk and expect little relief for markets scared by the crisis.

Negotiations were continuing yesterday for the release of some 484 people held prisoner by heavily armed guerrillas who stormed a reception at the Japanese envoy's residence in Lima, demanding the release of imprisoned comrades.

Yesterday foreign investors were assessing the damage wrought across Peru's debt and equity markets and bracing themselves for more pain.

"It's like a slap in the face," said Ondine Smulders, Latin American strategist at HSBC James Capel. "Investors have been bearish on Peru for the last two months and this certainly will not help."

One Latin American fund manager at a major asset management firm here said the crisis was already hurting investor perceptions of

Peruvian investments. "This is a setback for Peru generally because it increases uncertainty over whether Peru is going to degenerate into terrorist activity once again," she said. "It seriously increases the perception of risk and uncertainty over Peru in the minds of international investors."

The Peruvian stock market plunged more than 4 percent on Wednesday, while stocks listed abroad in the form of American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) took a heavy beating.

Investors unaccustomed to Latin American volatility and who bought Telefonica del Peru shares after its 1994 privatization, on Wednesday bailed out of its ADRs which lost 6.5% amid shock over the embassy siege.

The news also put pressure on Peru's Luz del Sur after the government's sale this month of its 30% stake. Peruvian debt prices too took a body blow. Its rescheduled "Brady" bonds plummeted up to two points in New York trading and

came under fresh pressure early in London.

The fund manager said she would not be a buyer of Peruvian stocks even at their current low levels, though some investors may be tempted depending on how the crisis develops.

Smulders said that while she was overweight on Peru she would not change her recommended weightings in a Latin American portfolio on the back of the current events, though she might consider a buy recommendation over the next few days.

The Latin American fund manager said how President Alberto Fujimori handled the crisis would be crucial for his standing both at home and abroad. "It depends very much on how he deals with it," she said. "I don't think he can afford to be soft—that would signal a return to the bad old days and to the specter of terrorism." Such a scenario would erode foreign direct investment and erode corporate profits due to increased spending on security.

Hotels expect tourism slump to persist

HAIM SHAPIRO

THE slump in tourism, which has beset the country for most of this year, is expected to continue through the first quarter of 1997, according to Avi Rosental, director of the Hotel Association.

Rosental reckons the first signs of recovery can only be expected toward Pessah, when hoteliers are hoping for an upswing in the Jewish and Christian pilgrim markets.

The national average for hotel occupancy in November was 60 percent, a drop of 13% in comparison with the same month last year, according to the association. However, it also noted that in the course of the year an additional 1,700 hotel rooms had been

opened, adding 5% to capacity.

There were 695,000 bed-nights by foreign tourists, 32% less than during November 1995. The drop was felt throughout the country, with the greatest decrease in kibbutz guest houses, which had 39% fewer tourist guest-nights. Jerusalem had a 31% fall in occupancy by foreign tourists.

The overall decrease in foreign tourist stays for January through November was only 6%, because of the sharp increase in tourism during the first months of the year.

BITS & BYTES JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Bank Hapoalim announces Internet site: Bank Hapoalim has established a website that can be accessed at www.bankhapoalim.co.il. Visitors can receive information about the bank, service information for tourists and residents of Israel and data about the Israeli economy.

BIRD to invest \$11m. in 16 new projects: The Israel-US Binational Research and Development Foundation recently approved an \$11 million investment as its 50% cost-share in 16 new projects between US and Israeli high-tech companies. The projects are in all areas of technology but communications accounts for 30% and medical for 20%. The American partners include Siemens Medical, Packard Bell and SmithKline Beecham. In 1996 BIRD invested \$21m. in 39 projects. Projects previously approved by the foundation yielded \$338m. in direct sales in 1996.

EDS-Unigratics to market virtual reality program: EDS-Unigratics will market a program developed by Division that allows programmers to create 2D and 3D virtual reality graphics within seconds.

Geotek and Hyundai Electronics announce deal: Geotek Technologies, Inc., the equipment arm of Geotek Communications, Inc. (Nasdaq: GOTK) has announced that it has finalized an agreement with Hyundai Electronics Industries Co., Ltd. to assist in the manufacture and supply of FHMA-related equipment to the Korean market. Under the terms of the agreement, Hyundai will incorporate Geotek's technology in its mobile terminal equipment. Geotek, which has operations in Israel, develops telecommunications products and wireless communications systems based on digital technology.

LOGAL launches products on new network: LOGAL Educational Software & Systems Ltd. (Nasdaq: LOGLF) recently announced that it will start operating a subscription service for its new educational network on January 15. By logging into www.logal.net, students will be able to access the company's simulation-based science and mathematics software products.

Net-Scene releases virtual seminar software: Net-Scene of Herzliya has announced the release of its virtual seminar Intranet software especially designed to help drivers improve their behavior on the road. Geared for companies that employ many drivers, such as bus and trucking companies, the technology provides employers with a way to educate their staff. Net-Scene's product line can be viewed on the Internet at www.net-scene.com. Net-Scene recently reported that it raised \$3m. in a private placement from undisclosed sources.

RADVision develops suite of communication products: RADVision has announced the development of a full range of H.323 products that will enable videoconferencing vendors and system integrators to adopt and offer videoconferencing solutions to users. RADVision (www.radvision.com), a member of the Tel Aviv-based RAD Group, develops and markets interconnecting solutions for videoconferencing.

SanDisk opens design center in Israel: SanDisk Corporation (Nasdaq: SNDK), the world's leading supplier of flash data storage products, has announced that it will establish a design center in Tel Aviv which will go into operation on December 24. The center, which will be staffed by six design engineers, will utilize SanDisk flash semiconductor technology to design flash storage cards.

CSX raises bid for Conrail by \$870m.

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Conrail Inc. and CSX Corp. raised the stakes yesterday in the bidding war for Conrail, amending their \$8.5 billion merger agreement to provide Conrail shareholders with another \$870 million.

The new agreement would give Conrail shareholders another \$16 per share, payable in CSX convertible preferred shares, as part of the stock portion of the cash and stock transaction.

CSX and Conrail are battling with Norfolk Southern Corp., which has bid \$10b., or \$110 per share in cash, for Conrail.

An industry analyst estimated the value of the new CSX-Conrail deal at \$104 per share, or \$9.5b.

Norfolk Southern Corp. said after the amended deal was announced that it remained determined to acquire Conrail, was studying its options and would respond yesterday or today.

Conrail has rejected Norfolk Southern's offer, contending that a transaction with CSX is a better fit.

Other aspects of the Conrail-CSX agreement are unchanged. They include \$110 per share for 40 percent of the outstanding Conrail shares and 1.85619 shares of CSX common stock for each Conrail share.

The proposed merger of Conrail and CSX, first announced on October 15, would create a giant that would dominate the railfreight industry on the East Coast.

In early trading on the New York Stock Exchange, Conrail shares traded at \$100.375, up \$1.375, and CSX traded at \$44.400, up \$1.25. Norfolk Southern traded at \$86.375, down 12.5 cents, also on the NYSE.

CSX and Conrail also established a voting trust to permit payment to Conrail shareholders by 1997. The companies said a Conrail shareholder meeting slated for December 23 would be rescheduled for January 17 and the CSX tender offer would be extended to January 22.

The revised pact prohibits Conrail and CSX from entering into an agreement with a third party until December 31, 1998. The previous transaction set a July 1997 date. "In every respect this merger holds great potential and clearly offers the best result for Conrail. This amendment to the merger agreement reaffirms the decision of the Conrail board that it is not willing to agree to the sale of Conrail to Norfolk Southern," Conrail chairman David LeVan said in a statement.

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Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.500	4.800	5.480
German mark (DM 200,000)	1.825	1.825	2.125
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.825	0.750	1.000
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—

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U.S. dollar	3.2503	3.3028	3.2780
German mark	2.0876	2.1213	2.05
U.S. dollar	5.43288	5.5185	5.83
French franc	0.8179	0.8279	0.80
Japanese yen (100)	2.8051	2.8051	2.84
Dutch florin	1.8901	1.8802	1.82
Swiss franc	2.4334	2.4727	2.57
Swedish krona	0.4738	0.4815	0.48
Norwegian krona	0.5021	0.5102	0.49
Denish krone	0.6489	0.6846	0.67
Finnish mark	0.6998	0.7111	0.68
Canadian dollar	2.3722	2.4105	2.33
Australian dollar	2.6770	2.6188	2.53
S. African rand	0.8958	0.7071	0.63
Belgian franc (10)	1.0130	1.0294	0.98
Austrian schilling (10)	2.9888	3.0147	2.91
Italian lira (1000)	2.1245	2.1588	2.08
Jordanian dinar	4.5200	4.8300	4.52
Egyptian pound	0.8200	1.0100	0.82
ECU	4.0214	4.0663	—
Irish punt	5.3839	5.4809	5.30
Spanish peseta (100)	2.4797	2.43	2.58

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Other stock market indexes

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Shares rise, snapping run of profit-taking

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SHARES closed broadly higher on increased turnover yesterday after three days of profit-taking, dealers said.

The benchmark Two-Sided Index rose 1.57 percent, or 3.19 points, to 206.45 on all-share turnover of NIS 2.02 billion against NIS 72m.

The market is positive and investors are very optimistic. After few days of profit-taking the market has resumed its positive momentum,

The positive trend started on Wednesday towards the end of the trading day when the market recovered from early losses. Activity

European bourses make big gains on US data

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - European bourses made healthy gains yesterday as a drop in the US trade deficit lifted Wall Street, delivering its third rally in as many days.

On currency markets, the better-than-expected US trade figures also pulled the dollar up half a penny against the mark.

Europe's optimistic mood was underpinned by the buoyancy in New York. Bourses on both sides of the Atlantic rose in pre-Christmas holiday business on Wednesday and the pattern was much the same yesterday.

Trading was also enlivened by a pre-Christmas bidding spree with companies going shopping for takeover targets, putting a price tag of more than £2 billion (\$3.3b.) on their list of potential purchases.

Firms have launched five major bids for British companies this week - most of them hostile - injecting life into the normally dull

Dow soars 127 points

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks shot higher yesterday, as the Dow Jones industrial average enjoyed its second-biggest point gain ever.

The market was led by consumer and financial issues, as bond prices were driven sharply higher on weak economic data and strong demand for a Treasury auction of 5-year notes.

At close on Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 126.87 at 6,473.64, a jump of 2 percent. That was the best one-day gain in the blue-chip index since October 21, 1987, when it rose 186.84, or 10.1%, in a rebound from the crash of October 19.

It was far from the largest percentage gain, however. Even with the sharp rebound from an early-December selloff, the Dow remained substantially below its all-time closing high of 6,547.79 on November 25.

High Johnson, chief market strategist at First Albany Corp., attributed the day's strong gains to aggressive buying by short-coverers, investors who had bet on a market decline but had to reverse their bets by buying as they saw prices begin to rise.

The declines we saw the last couple of weeks, just like all the declines in the last five years, was short-lived," Johnson said.

Extra volatility was provided by Friday's anticipated triple expiration of stock options and futures contracts, traders said.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by more than 2 to 1 in late trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Volume was strong at more than 400 million

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Israel, US open hot line

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

ISRAEL and the United States yesterday inaugurated a hot line between Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and his outgoing US counterpart William J. Perry.

It is the first time that a permanent hot line has been set up between the US and Israel. There had been a temporary one during the 1991 Gulf War in which the US passed on warnings of Iraqi Scud missile attacks to Israel, but that line was shut shortly after the war ended.

The new direct communications link is aimed at providing a "private and dedicated means for the defense chiefs of the two countries to discuss matters of mutual interest," defense officials said yesterday.

The line is expected to be used to coordinate any Israeli or US military moves in the region, defense sources said.

The two agreed to set up the hot line during Mordechai's visit to the Pentagon in Washington last October. The line was declared operational on December 12, and yesterday's telephone call between the two defense leaders marked the first time it was actually used, albeit for a cordial call.

"We enjoy a very close relationship with the Israeli minister of defense," said Perry. "This dedicated line provides an additional capability for Minister Mordechai and I to promptly consult on issues of mutual concern whenever the need arises, but particularly during times of increased tension in the Middle East."

In their first conversation on the hot line, Perry noted the warm working relations that he had established with Mordechai.



Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai chats yesterday with his US counterpart, William Perry, as they inaugurate the hot line between the two countries, while US Ambassador Martin Indyk looks on. This is the first time a permanent hot line has been set up; a temporary one operated during the Gulf War. (Defense Ministry)

WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to rainy; Shabbat: Partly cloudy, no rain.

'Post' reporter to receive Hadassah award

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE JERUSALEM POST's health, science and technology reporter, Judy Siegel-Itzkovich, will be one of the recipients of the Hadassah Women's Zionist Organization of America's "Women of Distinction Awards" next month.

The award, launched to mark the 85th anniversary of the largest Jewish women's organization in the US and due to be given annually to outstanding Israeli and American women in their fields, will be presented at a January 26 ceremony in the Knesset's auditorium.

Some 200 members of Hadassah's national board will attend the group's mid-winter conference, of which the award ceremony will be a highlight.

Hadassah national president Marlene Post and 85th anniversary committee chairman Bernice Tammenbaum said the "Women of Distinction Awards" will "recognize the achievements of women who make a real difference in those fields allied with Hadassah's special interests, such as health and scientific research, public service, the arts, finance and the economy, the media, education and social advocacy."

The other recipients will be: First



'Post' health and science reporter Judy Siegel-Itzkovich. (Jeremy Feldman)

Lady Reuma Weizman (for social advocacy and public service over the years); Galia Maor, general manager of Bank Leumi (finance and economy); Gila Almogor (in the field of arts and for her efforts on behalf of the mentally ill); and Prof. Ruth Aron and Dr. Dvora Teitelbaum, two of the Weizmann Institute researchers who developed the multiple sclerosis drug Copaxone (health and scientific research).

Siegel-Itzkovich, who has written 15,000 stories in nearly 24 years as a Post reporter, was the unanimous choice of the selection committee for the media field.

MK Oshaya faces fraud probe

MK Efi Oshaya (Labor) was questioned under caution by the National Fraud Squad yesterday in connection with misuse of funds. Oshaya is suspected of misusing Hapoel Netanya funds to finance his primary election campaign this year.

Police began probing the allegations some time ago and decided to summon Oshaya for questioning yesterday. He was released after several hours and police said others could expect to be questioned. A police spokesman confirmed Oshaya had been investigated. Raine Marcus

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